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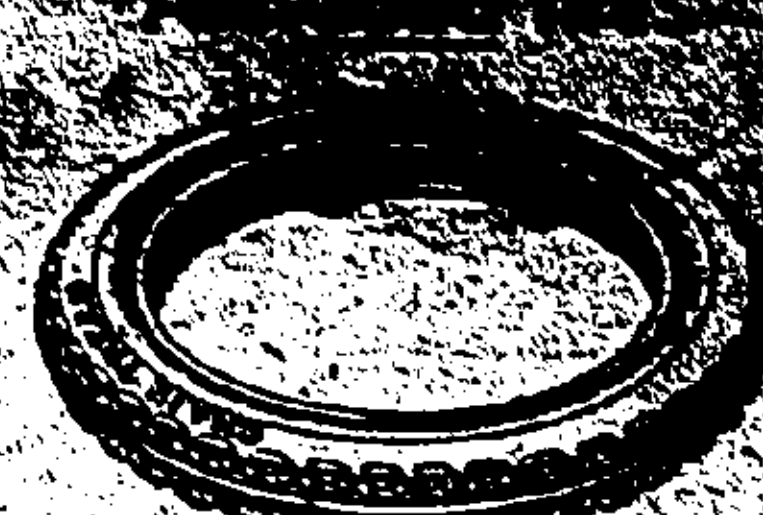
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REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

THE AFGHAN FIGHTING

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACTION.

Simla, May 26.

Aeroplane report that large numbers of the enemy are retiring westwards between Jallalabad and Kabul. It is reported that stores and munitions are being moved from Jallalabad to Gandamak. Tirah is quiet. Good reports regarding the Afghans have been received. The attitude of the Mohmands, in spite of the strain on their loyalty by the presence of Afghan troops and leading Mullahs in their country, is excellent.

On the 23rd, the Chitral Scouts and the Mehtar's bodyguard co-operated with our movable column in attacking the Afghan regulars and tribesmen holding a line on the Bashgul River. We gained all our objectives and the enemy fled towards Asmar, leaving four guns, and a large number of arms and stores in our hands. Their dead are estimated at 250. Our casualties were comparatively slight. The Chitral Scouts suffered the most heavily, but only eight were killed and 23 wounded. This second action of the Chitralis was fought well. The Dakka front is quiet. Nothing else is reported.

STARTLING HAPPENINGS.

Simla, May 26.

Reuters' special correspondent at Peshawar, writing on the 25th, says:—On Friday strange stories, since confirmed, reached Dakka of the happening at Jallalabad, where thousands of tribesmen, including 2,000 Tirah Afghans, collected on the pretence of a response to the Amir's recruiting proclamation. They stated that the Amir promised arms and ammunition but their real object was to loot Jallalabad, like Dakka. The attitude of the Afghans and others was so truculent that the Governor of Jallalabad evasively replied to the demand for arms and doled out a few pieces of ammunition. The Afghans next claimed rations and subsistence allowance and when these were refused they insolently said the Amir was breaking the traditions of Afghan hospitality. They asserted that previous Amirs had treated the tribesmen visiting Jallalabad and Kabul as State guests. The Afghans and others, ripe for mischief, returned sullenly to the bazaar. Next morning a ceremonial parade of troops was held and bombed by our airmen. As the bombs dropped, the troops broke line and ran to cover. The movement was misinterpreted and a cry reached the bazaar that the regulars were evacuating the town. A panic followed, affording an opportunity to the Afghans and others to loot the bazaar. Private houses, Government stores, barracks and officials' residences were attacked and burnt. The Afghan troops fired on the mob, who retired unpursued, the Afghans returning to their homes loaded with loot.

The exaggerated stories of loot spreading along the frontier will undoubtedly incite a fresh horde to pour into Jallalabad. The reports of the retirement of Jan Badshah's Afghan regulars and the evacuation of Jallalabad are very probable, if this has not already happened. The chief authority in Afghanistan to-day is not the Amir, but Saleh Mohmand, the Chief Commander, who will probably dictate the answer to General Barrett's reply to the Afghan proposals for an armistice. The fact that our airmen have blown up the arsenal at Kabul makes it imperative that such an answer should be a real appeal to peace.

WHAT THE PEASANTS THINK.

Simla, May 27.

British arms, followed by British rupees, have had a wonderful effect in the occupied territories. On the Khyber front the local peasantry at first fled but are fast returning and are busy with an almost record harvest. Supplies are arriving freely. The peasants naively say that if we promised not to tax them they would welcome British rule. Meanwhile peace reigns on all fronts. The Fast of Ramadan, which commences on May 31, prevents the enemy from actively fighting. During recent fighting, bombs were freely used, turning out gunners from their shelters and clearing the brows of hills. Doubtless they form essential weapons of future mountain warfare.

PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN.

Simla, May 27.

Reuters' special correspondent at Peshawar, writing to-day, says:—The Dakka front is quiet. General Nadir Khan, who has arrived at Matun, is now beginning to show signs of activity. A mixed force of Khos tribesmen and Afghan regulars advanced down the Kaitu River and crossed our border in the direction of Spinwami. Our small frontier post there has been safely withdrawn. Similar measures have been taken at exposed posts in Upper Tochi, which are liable to attack should a tribal rising eventuate on the Khos or Birmal border. Some Afghan regular troops, with Khoswal Lashkar, are reported to be taking up a position on the right bank of the Kurram River. Opposite that the General Officer Commanding in Baluchistan reports the capture of Baldak Fort.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

POLITICAL UNION A NECESSITY.

Paris, May 21.

The French papers urge the absolute necessity of a thorough political union between France and Italy, in spite of the accidental ill-humour of the Italian people in connection with the slow management of the Adriatic question. The future of Europe almost depends on a good understanding, and a faithful friendship between the two great Latin nations.—Havas.

FRENCH WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Paris, May 21.

The French Chamber of Deputies has concluded the debate on the Bill allowing women to vote in municipal elections. A counter-proposal extending woman suffrage to all elections was adopted by 344 votes to 97.—Havas.

FOOD CONTROL IN FRANCE.

Paris, May 21.

Bread tickets will not be distributed for June. It has been decided by the French Ministry of Supplies that sugar will continue to be supplied in exchange for coupons.—Havas.

IMPORT OF RAW MATERIALS.

Paris, May 21.

A Decree has been signed by President Poincaré allowing the importation of raw materials.—Havas.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

CURT REPLY TO GERMANY.

WHY SHE SHOULD SUFFER ECONOMIC DISASTER.

Paris, May 23.

The Allies' Reply says the German Note specially complains of the loss of coalfields but does not notice that a fourth of the pre-war consumption was within the territories being transferred. The Note further does not account for 80,000,000 tons of lignite, none of which was derived from these territories. Among the most wanton acts of devastation perpetrated by the Germans was the almost complete destruction of the coal supplies of Northern France, obliterating the entire industry, with calculated savagery, the result whereof was a grave and prolonged shortage of coal. The Allies are unable to accept the Note's speculative estimate of future conditions of German industry as a whole, which are vitiated by palpable exaggerations. There is no reason why the Germans who were responsible for the war should not also suffer from the widespread economic disaster produced thereby.

The Reply refutes the German assertion that the peace conditions logically involve the destruction of several millions of Germans, pointing out that the Allies have sustained far greater losses due to German initiative and conduct of the war.

ANOTHER VOLCANIC UPHEAVAL.

STROMBOLI VIOLENTLY ERUPTING.

Rome, May 22.

Stromboli is violently erupting, causing fires. Simultaneously a tidal wave lasted for ten minutes and was most destructive. There are numerous victims.

GERMANY'S COUNTER-PROPOSALS.

ENEMY LEADERS TO CONFER.

Berlin, May 22.

Herr Scheideemann, accompanied by Herr Dernburg, Herr Erzberger and Count von Bernstorff, has gone to Spa to meet the German Delegation from Versailles to decide on the final wording of the German counter-proposals.

THE PEACE TERMS.

ALLIES UNITED IN IMPOSING THEM.

Paris, May 21.

Referring to the Note from the German delegation, Paris circles state that the Allies are not to be beguiled into a match in casuistry. Their discovery is that Germany is unrepentant. Having learnt nothing from defeat, she thought that she might succeed in slackening the bands of our alliance. The Allies have no differences in imposing the peace terms on Germany.—Havas.

THE PARIS BOURSE.

Paris, May 31.

The Paris Bourse has maintained a firm tone. Prices on closing were higher.—Havas.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Chinese Commercial News Service.)

THE POWERS AND CHINA.

Shanghai, May 23.

The Diplomatic Corps has held several meetings and a certain Minister advocated serving further advice, but two of the Ministers did not agree. Therefore the matter has been temporarily postponed.

THE PEACE TREATY.

Shanghai, May 28.

The Lower House had a private meeting and favoured the signing of the Treaty of Peace.

THE SHANGHAI CONFERENCE DEADLOCK.

Shanghai, May 28.

Wong Kun-mun has returned to Peking carrying with him over a thousand proposals giving to the utmost extent what both delegations are willing to concede since the suspension of negotiations. The Cabinet will consider these proposals and decide what to do. According to a certain important personage, there is no question regarding the chief delegate. Chu Kai-kim must proceed South again.

The Southern Commanders in Hunan, Tan Hao-ming, Ma Chai, Lum Shou-mai and ten others, and the Northern Commanders, Ng Pui-foo and Fung York-chong, have sent a joint telegram to the President and Cabinet demanding the accepting of both sides' concessions and the resumption of the Peace Conference immediately, adding that after peace has been arranged, they will form a united army to resist the outside foe.

It is reported that, owing to Tang Shao-yi having twice declined to reassume the duties of chief delegate the South will appoint Tsou Chun-huan instead.



Photo: Tientsin Press.

A recent photograph of the family of Mr. Lloyd George, made while the Premier and his family were in Paris.

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PACIFIC CABLE BROKEN.

HOPES OF RESTORATION OF SERVICE.

Shanghai, May 29.

It is announced that a cable ship is leaving on a third trip to repair the American cable line which is broken in the deepest part of the Pacific. It is hoped the service will be restored soon.

THE SHANGHAI FRACAS.

Shanghai, May 27.

Two Japanese sailors have been arrested for the attack on Chinese policemen. One policeman will lose an eye. No disorder has resulted.

STRAITS VOLUNTEERS.

REGULAR OFFICER AS COMMANDANT.

Singapore, May 29.

At a farewell Volunteer parade to Colonel Derrick, who has been 30 years in the Corps, Colonel Derrick stated that in future a Regular officer would be employed as Commandant.

STRAITS COLONIAL SECRETARY UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Singapore, May 29.

The Hon. Mr. F. C. James, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, has undergone an operation. His condition is satisfactory.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

FATHER AUGUSTINE MAKES A PROTEST.

There was a large and representative congregation at St. Joseph's Church, this morning (Ascension Day) at the 9 o'clock service.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Fr. Augustine said:—My dear brethren, I have read in the *Telegraph* the correspondence which casts aspersions upon the congregation of St. Joseph's Church, particularly upon soldiers and sailors, and also upon the rest of the community because they meet together to have a little conversation before the service in front of the Church. I am now present in the name of the congregation of St. Joseph's against one statement which is made in the letter and which the correspondent himself admits is based on supposition, for he says those who gather outside probably pass remarks about people going into Church. Then he draws his conclusion in the second part of the letter, giving the epithet of ill-educated and ignorant to the soldiers and sailors congregated there. The conclusion is very illogical and is not honest because he draws his conclusion from false premises, supposing that people are ill-educated and ignorant.

world over, Christians assemble in front of the Church before the service, and particularly in Hongkong. I know that many of these soldiers come several miles to attend Church on a Sunday and in doing so they are performing a great sacrifice because many of them cannot afford to take a rickshaw or a tram and therefore have to walk. Do you think these people come to gaze at passers-by and talk about them? They gather in front of the Church because the place is so favourable, being overshadowed with nice trees and having a refreshing breeze. For the past twenty years, hundreds of soldiers and sailors, and civilians as well, have used this place and no objection has ever been raised. Consequently I consider that the person who signs himself "Dionisy" is a ringer if he belongs to the Catholic community; he has no grounds for causing mischief amongst our community which has been so united for many years. If he is not a Catholic, we must suppose he is a real stigmater. I object most strongly against his remarks, based on a supposition, because he himself confesses he has no foundation upon which to make such aspersions. I do not blame the paper for publishing the letter, because it is not supposed to be a confidential letter, and it is not a private letter. It is a public letter and it is not a confidential letter. It is a public letter and it is not a confidential letter.

To-Day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$3 6.7-16d.

The Weather.

Forecast:—Rain. Barometer—29.74. Temperature 2 p.m.—78. Humidity 2 p.m.—82.

LEST WE FORGET.

On Sunday, August 23, my company was ordered to throw a barricade across a road leading from the south of Mons. When we had finished we waited for the advance of the Germans. Some civilians reported to us that they were coming down a road in front of us. On looking in that direction we saw, instead of German troops, a crowd of civilians—men, women and children—waving white handkerchiefs and being pushed down the road in front of large number of German troops. I have no doubt, whatever that the Germans had deliberately put these civilians in front of themselves for the purpose of protecting themselves from our fire, and had compelled them to wave their handkerchiefs for the same object. The Germans could not have advanced apart from the protection afforded them by the civilians, as the street was quite straight and commanded by our rifle fire at a range of about 700 to 800 yards. The civilians were driven in front of the German troops until the latter reached a side street into which they disappeared. Official deposition of British officer before the Committee on German outrages.

HONGKONG PEACE CELEBRATIONS.

A PROBABLE FEATURE.

During Hongkong's peace celebrations at night-time one of the proposed illumination features will be the representation of an enormous dragon in the Harbour. This will consist of a number of lighters stung together in a long tapering line with the outline of the dragon picked out in various coloured lights. The head will be represented by three or four large lighters with huge green lights for the eyes. The dorsal fins or protuberances on the tail-end will also be indicated by lighting effects, and so on. The whole will be towed round the Harbour in a serpentine course, starting from Yau-mai, encircling the naval anchorage and back to the starting point. If this idea is eventually carried out it will present one of the finest illuminative set pieces ever seen here or anywhere else.

"HANDS-UP."

CINEMA ATTRACTION.

At the Victoria Theatre to-night, Episodes 5 and 6 of "Hands Up" will be screened. Patrons will be interested to learn that the management has recently installed a new apparatus which gives the place a delightful odour. The serial "Hands Up" which will be produced to-night is from the pen of Gideon Willette, the author of many successful stories, and photoplay serials, and these episodes surpass in thrills and sensations anything heretofore attempted. The two episodes are considered the greatest outdoor scenes ever produced and it accentuates the versatility and charm of Ruth Roland, as Echo Delane, who is required to perform stunts that seem beyond physical possibility. There are many tense situations and this is the most continuously thrilling story ever shown on the screen.

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THE BOYCOTT DEVELOPS.

JAPANESE NOTES CEASE TO CIRCULATE.

The boycott against Japanese bank notes is now complete (says the *Shanghai Gazette* of May 17). Not a single note is being accepted by Chinese merchants. As far as the Chinese are concerned the notes of the Yokohama Specie Bank and that of the Bank of Taiwan are mere "scraps of paper."

According to Japanese newspapers, Chinese servants in the employ of Japanese are showing signs of unwillingness to work. In Shanghai this is especially true; in Tientsin the boycott movement is such that the employees of the Japanese are all quitting. A Japanese report says "the Chinese servants who used to be as meek as sheep are now very insolent." They are afraid to be called "foreign slaves" and "traitors."

To have anything to do with a Japanese is now practically a crime. The Commercial Press, for instance, has dismissed the few Japanese employees whose services are really indispensable. As in the case of the Vocational School a contract is involved and therefore a loss of a large sum of money, but the loss is sustained without hesitation.

Amusement resorts are also boycotting the Japanese. Such places as the New and Old World now refuse to admit Japanese visitors. The roof garden and restaurants of the Sincere Company are also closed to Japanese.

The Peking *Shun Tien Shih* Pao, a Japanese organ, is now thrown out of the houses to which it is delivered. Its circulation is rapidly falling as it is considered to be unpatriotic to be seen with a Japanese newspaper in hand.

OTHER CITIES EQUALLY ARDENT.

The boycott movement is even more enthusiastic in other cities. Reports from Soochow, Wuhu, Changchow, Hankow, Wuhu, Ningpo and other places confirm the news of the united efforts of the patriotic Chinese to end once and for all trading with the Japanese.

Similar to Shanghai the students of all these cities are taking the leading part in carrying on the propaganda. Small groups visit the various shops and explain to the shopkeepers the reason for the boycott. The result of such visits is the removal of Japanese goods from the show cases.

To set an example to the shopkeepers the students invariably burn whatever Japanese articles they have in the presence of the public. Such examples are always effective. In many instances the ardent boycotters nail up whatever Japanese articles they have brought to the telegraph posts and other suitable places with a tag bearing the words "Such are Japanese goods. Do not buy." Japanese straw hats, socks, umbrellas, quack medicine, toys and other things are now pilloried this way.

HOW TO SPEND THE SUMMER VACATION.

The suggestion from Peking that the schools may be closed one month earlier than usual in order to avoid trouble

is readily accepted in Shanghai. At a meeting held yesterday of the principals of the schools from middle schools up decided to utilise the summer vacation in the interest of the boycott. The scheme is to form an organisation of students' workers during the vacation. They would be sent out into allotted districts to visit the shops and homes to remind the people of the necessity of continuing the boycott. These boys will also act as investigators. They are expected to report if any shop is seen selling Japanese goods.

Already bands of senior students are visiting the various factories and shops to see what Japanese stocks are held. In the case of small peddlers who cannot afford to sacrifice their goods an inventory is taken of the stock on hand. Inspection from time to time will tell whether the stock has been replenished or not with Japanese manufactured goods. In the temple of the city a certain wealthy person is buying up the goods of the stall-keepers so that they may henceforward deal in purely Chinese goods.

SZECHUEN MERCHANTS RESOLVE ON BOYCOTT.

The Society of Szechuen Merchants met yesterday and discussed the question of boycott. The following resolutions were passed:—1. From present date no Japanese goods, whether piece goods, eatables or daily necessities, will be purchased. 2. A list will be taken of the Japanese goods already ordered and paid for. The list will be made up according to the order sheets which must be shown, and will be kept at the office of the Society so that reference may be made to it in future to ascertain whether additional goods have been purchased after the inspection. 3. To send out investigators. 4. To cease ordering Japanese tobacco.

More than 160 merchants were present at the meeting and every one of them undertook to wire or write to their shops in Hankow, Chungking, Ichang, Yochow and other places on the Upper Yangtze.

CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

The Japanese will certainly be hard hit if the threats of the Chinese contractors and builders are carried out. They are now discussing means to boycott the import of Japanese timber and other building materials. The proposal to refrain from using Japanese pine, oak, teak, hardwood and other kinds of timber as much as possible.

As to ironware and house fixtures they are to be rejected without reserve. The contractors and builders will not recommend the use of Japanese timber.

It is of course beyond their control to say what timber should be used when the architect is a foreigner but whenever they have a voice in such matter they will not use Japanese stuff.

Since an enormous quantity of Japanese pine and oak is consumed in China the boycott if effective will mean something. The idea of the carpenters and masons to refuse to build Chinese houses with Japanese timber is gaining popularity.

GENERAL NEWS.

WOMEN'S NEW TRIUMPH.

The Institution of Naval Architects recently decided to admit women as members. A referendum previously taken had resulted for 491 against 220. Sir William Smith now moved that women be admitted as members on equal terms with men. Sir Alfred Yarrow, in seconding, mentioned the case of women joiners who were employed a short time ago on a destroyer. They made a magnificent job of it, and the boat was accepted by the Admiralty without demur. A recent boat attained a speed of 38.6 knots. "That," said Sir Alfred, "is the best speed obtained. The lines of that ship were determined partly by a young lady named Keary." The motion was carried.

SMOKING IN CHURCH.

Worshippers at St. James's Church, Bermondsey, were appealed to recently for frank suggestions as to ways in which the Sunday evening service could be made more helpful and popular, with the result that some interesting replies have been received. Eleven correspondents advocate that part of the church, either a gallery or the back pews, should be reserved for smokers. It is suggested that, where the pipe cannot be admitted the male will not go. Another member is anxious to know why a Lesson should always be read out of the Old Testament. It would be more profitably chosen, he thinks, from Carlyle or Ruskin. When it comes to the sermon the vicar and his curate are in something of a quandary, so varied are the suggestions. Some want topical subjects, while others ask for a studious course of instruction in the problems of economics, ethics, or philosophy. There is one suggestion which stands in a category by itself, and that is the advice to turn the church into a cinema. "A hearty laugh at Charlie Chaplin does more good than any pie-jaw," says the writer.

GERMANY'S GIANT GUN.

The *Daily Express* recently published details of a giant gun with which the Germans hoped to be able to bombard the English coast last summer. It was the intention of the enemy to mount this gigantic piece of ordnance in the neighbourhood of Ostend, and this design was only frustrated by the vigilance of our Air Force, who rained destruction incessantly on the specially prepared track by which it was alone possible to convey the monster. The great gun which bombarded Paris is a comparative pigmy beside the weapon designed for our special edification. Had it been mounted at Ostend its range would have included Hythe, Canterbury, Herne Bay, and Reculver, while the towns throughout the Isle of Thanet would have had to be evacuated. When fired at an angle of 45 degrees the shell would pass through the air a maximum height of over twenty miles. At this altitude "skin friction" is reduced to a minimum, as there is believed to be no air there, and through this void of space the shell could travel for over thirty miles before the force of gravity would once again draw it within the air belt, where it would begin its downward path towards the objective.

WAR FIREWORKS FOR PEACE NIGHT.

Canon Rawnsley's scheme for illuminating the whole of the country by beacons and bonfires on peace night is making headway. Dover flares, rockets, and headlights have been placed at the disposal of the committee by the naval and military authorities, and fireworks which were designed to help in attacking the enemy will now be devoted to celebrating his defeat. The flares should have a special significance for the public. They must be associated for all time with the glorious exploit of the Vindictive, in which Wing-Commander Brock, who invented them, lost his life. "They burn," we are told, "for seven and a half minutes, weigh 90lb., stand 3ft. high, are non-explosive, and are fired by friction. When used on mountain tops they should be lit just below the summit to gain the best effect. They must not be fired from any building or tower, because the red-hot dross, splashes to a considerable distance." And the price of these historic flares is only 10s. each. Waste brushwood where trees have been felled may be used for the beacon fires, with the approval of the Controller of Timber Supply, who considers it a distinct advantage that such brushwood should be burnt, but who deprecates the destruction of wood suitable for fuel.

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The N. C. Daily News Harbin correspondent writes as follows under date of April 21—

The Easter festival is regarded by Russians as an even bigger holiday than Christmas, and for days before every household is busily engaged in preparing special Eastern dishes and sweetmeats. This year in Harbin a large proportion of the Russian population have not been able to celebrate as they are usually wont to, owing to the enormous increase in price of all necessities in life. This increase has been both sudden and unexpected, and is due to the big fall in value of the rouble. It has actually depreciated over 100 per cent. inside two weeks, and the natural consequence is that the cost of provisions, fuel and living generally has increased correspondingly.

PANIC OF THE MONEY MARKET.

Undoubtedly in the first instance the Omsk Government is responsible for the panic created in the Harbin money market, for it has given the opportunity to speculators, Japanese, Chinese and Russian alike, literally to "bleed" the civilian Russian population.

The Omsk Government has decided to withdraw from circulation in Siberia the Kerensky notes of Rls. 40 and Rls. 20 denominations, exchanging them for their own issue—Siberian notes and Siberian Treasury bonds. The reason why they are doing this is ostensibly because the Soviet authorities in Russia are still printing in large quantities these Kerensky notes, and that the latter are being brought into Siberia in increasing quantities. Is this action, however, justifiable, seeing that the Omsk Government has no official recognition on the part of the Allies and is at the same time printing its own notes in ever-increasing quantities as well? It must be remembered that the Omsk Government is only ruling over some 15 million people, whilst Kerensky notes are in circulation among 150 million. If the Omsk Government is overthrown, what will become of their notes? In Siberia itself both Siberian and Kerensky notes are in circulation and accepted everywhere at par, and the former were actually gradually driving out the Kerensky denomination. In the Chinese Eastern Railway area an entirely different state of affairs exists, for here, though the Kerensky notes were accepted at par, Siberian notes are at a big discount—12 to 20 per cent.—the reason being that non-Russian living inside this expropriated zone refuse to accept Siberian notes in all business transactions.

20 AND 40 ROUBLE NOTES.

It is true that among Chinese traders the Rls. 20 and Rls. 40 notes have never been popular and that Chinese banks in Fuchien and other Chinese towns refused to accept same, yet because they were accepted by the local Russian banks and, by all Russian business houses the majority of Chinese who have anything to do with Russians were always willing to accept them in payment of value given. Now no one wants them except at a heavy discount, and many Chinese and Japanese refuse to accept them at all. As practically all transactions in Northern Manchuria were made in Kerensky's, the amount of these notes in circulation along the stretch of railway is a very large one, running into hundreds of millions, the Railway itself having in hand some 80 million. That a panic has resulted is not to be wondered at, for there is an insufficiency of other acceptable notes on the market once the Kerensky denomination is tabooed.

The Harbin Bourse Committee have convoked meetings at the Commercial Club, which were largely attended by businessmen, as well as those interested in industrial undertakings. Invitations were extended to various officials, including the military commandant, the manager of the railway and leading civil servants. Many fiery speeches were made about the artificial value placed upon the rouble by "foreigners," and many suggestions were made as to what course of action was to be taken. The proposition of boycotting all Japanese goods, as the Japanese are blamed more than other nations for causing an altogether artificial fall in the value of the rouble, owing to the action of the Omsk Government, was received with much applause, and a special

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commission is to be appointed to take proper measures to bring it into force. It was decided to suspend all business transactions with foreigners as far as possible as long as the rouble remained at so low a value. On change the fluctuations that take place are altogether abnormal, and the wildest speculation is going on that from Rls. 9 to a gold Yen, it has fallen to Rls. 14 a yen all transactions being conducted in other but Rls. 40 and Rls. 20 Kerensky notes, which are at a 20 per cent. discount.

ONE MEXICAN—TWENTY ROUBLES.

For a Mexican dollar Rls. 20 can be obtained! It is the Chinese money-changers who, with small transactions, are making money as they never made before. Their tables line the street running parallel to the market or bazaar, and though the changers may be counted by the score, all are busy from sunrise to sundown. Their "victims" are principally Russians, all anxious to get small change. Russians a riving from Siberia take their Siberian notes to be changed. The discount rate is 20 per cent., still they accept simply because no shops will accept Siberian notes. Russians resident in Manchuria come with the 40 and 20 rouble Kerensky notes for the same reason, and have to be content with Rls. 32 small value notes for the 40 rouble Kerensky. With this drain of small value notes (1, 3, 5 and 10) it is not surprising that shops, restaurants, cafes, etc., are unable to get enough small change for their own use, so they in their turn have to warn clients they are unable to give change. Thus it will be seen that all have to patronize these money changers who transact business in all currencies that are prevalent in these parts, and they are legion, for besides the various Russian issues, which include "Romanoff," "Kerensky," "Duma," "Siberian," and "Russo-Asiatic Bank" notes, there is the Heilungkiang Tiao, the Kirin Tiao, the small coin dollar, the Peiyang and Hongkong dollar, the gold Yen and the silver Yen notes. Romanoff notes are in great demand by the Chinese, and are consequently at a big premium compared with other notes; the reason being that they are acceptable, sent to the Treasury

Ports of China and also necessary to all buyers of gold from Siberian mines, that is, being sold secretly in smaller and larger quantities by Russians, notwithstanding the fact that the precious metal is not legally allowed to go out of the country.

THE GOLD INDUSTRY.

If only the Omsk Government would pay the attention due to the development of the rich alluvial deposits of gold and to the proper opening up of mines, it would find that in a very short time it could create a large reserve of the precious metal, which is to be found in payable quantities in many places.

Quite recently the mine-owners of the Amur region held a conference at Chita and it was decided to apply to the Government to help them in the matter of obtaining better technical equipment. The Allies who are now giving the Government so much material assistance should see that this valuable though neglected industry, full of the greatest possibilities and capable of improving the financial position of the Government within a very short term, should be tenderly fostered by the Omsk authorities. Every encouragement and assistance possible should be given present mine-owners, and inducements held out to others to engage in the enterprise.

There are practically no obstacles in the way to hinder the development of the gold industry, if the Government lends proper support. The necessary machinery is obtainable in a very short time from the United States, whilst should there be any difficulty in obtaining the necessary Russian labour, plenty of Chinese and Korean close at hand are at once available.

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The report of the Council for the year ended Dec. 31 last shows that activities have been fully maintained, whilst the Institute is ready to move forward now that war conditions are passed. Amongst the proposals is the enlargement of the premises in Northumberland Avenue. The contemplated additions comprise a large hall for meetings, a luncheon and dining-room, a few bedrooms and dressing-rooms, as well as considerable additions to the library, smoking-rooms, etc. Separate accommodation for lady members is included, and also an art gallery and map room.

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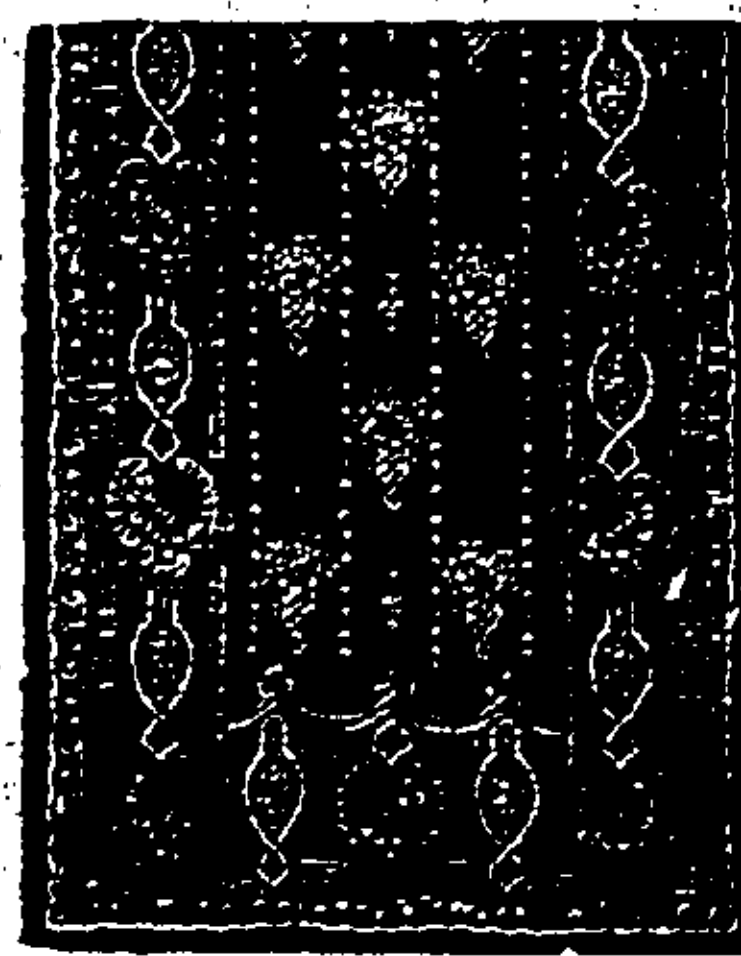
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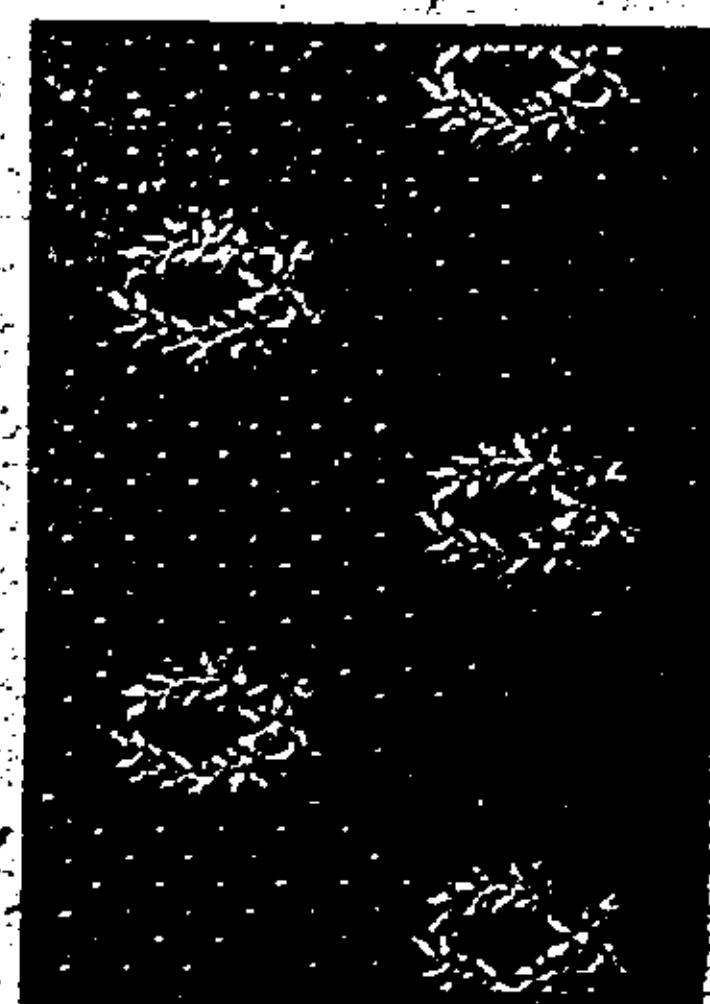


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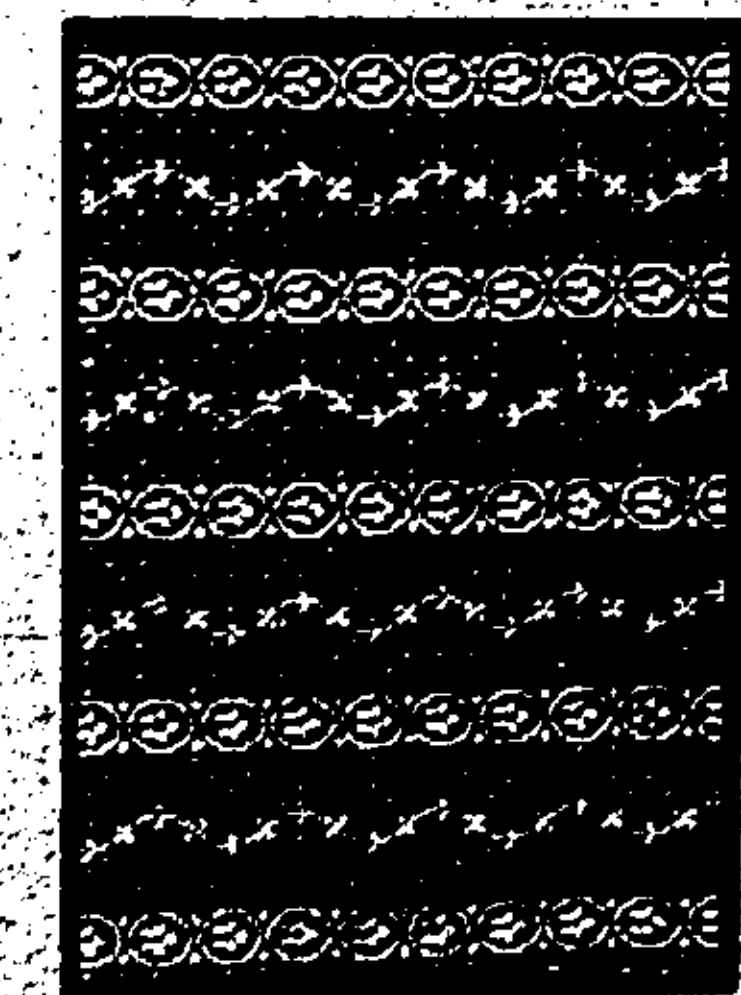


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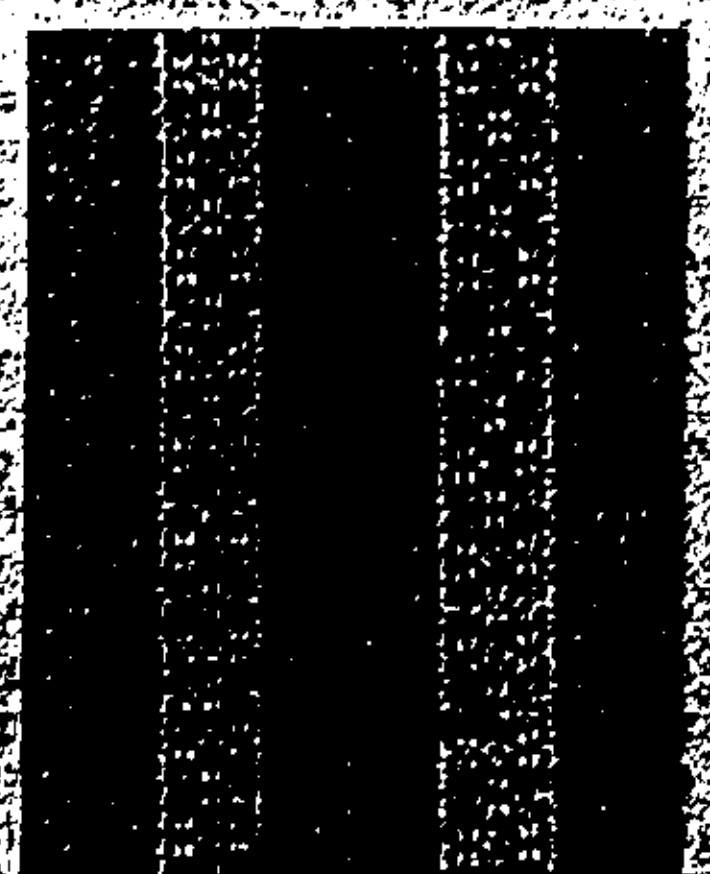


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THE FATE OF TURKEY.

The fate of Turkey is still hanging in the balance. The Christians and Jews are anxious to know how far they will be freed from Turkish rule. The Turks, on the other hand, are anxious to know how much of their Empire will be left to them. In the meantime, the Mohammedans seem to be disturbed on the question of the Caliphate and custody of and suzerainty over the Holy Places, and then the Rt. Hon. Edwin Montagu, the Secretary of State for India, recently headed a deputation to the delegates at the Peace Conference requesting that full attention should be paid at the Peace settlement to Muslim sentiments on the subject of the Holy Places and the position of Turkey. The Mohammedans of India and other parts of the world want the authority of the Ottoman Throne over the Caliphate kept intact; in other words, the retention of the sovereignty of the Sultan of Turkey over not only the Moslem people but also the Moslem sacred places. Since the last four centuries the successor to the Ottoman Throne was alone entitled to be the spiritual head and Caliph of the Mohammedans all the world over and the overlord of the two Holy Precincts and protector of other places in Palestine and Mesopotamia. An amusing point with regard to all this is who should be the spiritual head of the Muslims—the Sheriff of Mecca or the Sultan of Turkey. The Sheriff of Mecca claims to be the rightful spiritual ruler of all the Mohammedans of the world and also the protector of their sacred places. The Mohammedans in India will not give in. They maintain that as the Sheriff of Mecca behaved treacherously with his own supreme master and spiritual head, the Sultan of Turkey, by declaring war against him and citing with and materially assisting the British in their Palestine campaign, can never be expected to behave loyally with others. A *fortiori* argument, ahem! That being so, the Muslims argue, to support the elevation of such a man to the august office of Caliph of the Mohammedans and protector of their sacred places is to deeply wound their feelings. When doctors disagree who is to decide? Mr. Montagu's deputation thinks that the Peace Conference should settle this question. And pray how is this to be done? Simply by having respect to the feelings of the Mohammedans and dealing very leniently with the Sultan. It is rather awkward for a Secretary of State for India heading a pseudo-political-religious party and making a request of such a nature. While we admit that the Caliphate question purely concerns the Moslems, that of settling accounts with the Turkey is the Peace Conference's business, and however extremely Liberal Mr. Montagu may be in his views, we certainly think that he should not have been associated with the party in question. Whether any Muslim ruler, other than the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire, can answer better the qualifications demanded of a spiritual leader of the Mohammedans is a matter entirely for the latter, but the just meeting of retribution for the crimes which Turkey committed and to which she had been a party during the war is the business of the conference at the peace table.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

FILIPINOS DISAPPOINTED.

The first batch of members of the Philippine Independence Mission returning from the United States has arrived back in Manila, and, judging from statements made by one of them, they are by no means satisfied with the result of their trip. The only tangible thing that we have brought back with us," said a member of the party, "is a scrap of paper from President Wilson promising us early independence, a promise that has been made a thousand and one times before. The question of Philippine independence is no nearer solution than before the Mission was created. That is a very doleful tale, but we are not altogether surprised that the Filipino Missionaries should feel thus about the matter. Mr. Kinley, Roosevelt and Taft had all in their turn raised the hopes of the Filipinos, but it was thought that President Wilson, the champion of smaller nations, would really fulfil the promise or give some definite declaration of his intention to do so. Instead of that, the Missionaries did not even see him, but were handed a letter in which he spoke in general terms of approval of the ideal sought after—just a reiteration of what previous Presidents had said.

AS YOU WERE.

Besides President Wilson's blessing on the aims of the Mission, there was a statement issued by Governor General Harrison in which he stated that former obstacles in the way of granting independence had disappeared, but this was cold comfort to the Missionaries in view of the absence of any clear-cut promise as to when their hopes might be expected to be realised. The members of the Mission had strong hopes that they would come back with definite information on that point, but they are grievously disappointed. It seems, indeed, that nothing has been achieved beyond getting a recapitulation of long-standing assurances made in general terms. President Wilson evidently did not intend to commit himself on the subject, and from a point of view of political expediency he was probably acting wisely, for we should very much doubt whether Congress would just now be willing to take up this thorny issue. There are troubles enough ahead for the Democrats without seeking fresh bother over a controversial question of this sort. Anyhow, from what we can hear, there is no strong belief amongst Americans in the Philippines that independence will be soon granted. These things take time, and as the Democrats are not yet pledged to immediate action, we may be sure that matters will go on as they now are for quite an appreciable period of time.

COMMUNAL GOVERNMENT.

We see from the *Canton Times* that a Mr. Hsu Tee, described as a well-known citizen, is seeking public opinion on the question of petitioning the Provincial Government to place Kiangchow, Hainan, under the control of the people. His scheme is that there should be no Government offices, no Government troops and that no Government taxes be paid, but that what is termed a "Self-Control Association" be established, with the right for foreign residents to join it. This is communal government with a vengeance. We do not know what the prospects are of getting such a scheme put into operation, but we suppose that if the citizens were relieved of the necessity of paying Government taxes they would still have to dive into their pockets for the wherewithal with which to run public necessities. The only thing is that they probably think they can trust themselves better than they can the average type of Chinese official, whose chief aim in life seems to be to accumulate as much as he can by the practice of the art of "squeeze," at which he is a past master. But we are afraid that Governments of one kind or another are a necessity, however much we may think we could get along without them. The great thing, of course, is to get honest and efficient administrators. But individuals of this type are rather a rarity in China these days.

JOAN OF ARC CANONIZED.

Pope Benedict and all the high dignitaries of the Catholic Church participated on April 6 at the Vatican at the ceremony of the canonization of Joan of Arc. Among those present were Admiral Robert S. Griffin and other officers of the American Navy.

DAY BY DAY.

WANT OF TACT IS AN INCURABLE INFIRMITY.

A list of the passengers who departed by the s.s. *Neuralia* to-day appears on Page 7.

A quantity of brass was yesterday stolen from Hols Godown. The thief, who was caught, was to-day sent to prison for one month.

Yesterday's health return shows nine cases of plague (six deaths) and one non-fatal occurrence of cerebro-spinal fever. All the sufferers were Chinese.

The Euryalus, armoured cruiser, recently returned after a four years' commission in the Far East, is placed on third Fleet complement at Chatham on transfer to Home Reserve.

For having one tael of non-Government opium, a Chinese from Saigon, who was yesterday arrested on the *Praya* whilst riding in a ricksha, was to-day fined \$10 and given the alternative of 14 days' imprisonment.

A coal coolie, whilst carrying 43 lbs. of coal which he had stolen from a ship, was arrested on the *Praya* East, and to-day fined \$10 by Mr. R. O. Hutchison. The alternative of fourteen days' hard labour was also given.

Among the passengers booked from London for Hongkong by the *Kitano Maru* on May 17, were Miss I. N. Robertson, Miss C. W. Robertson, Miss Armstrong, Mr. A. D. Openshaw, Mr. and Mrs. Bone and child, Mr. A. M. Holland and Mr. C. Lafrentz.

A Chinese woman, charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with hawking without a licence, had a grievance ventilated. She said she tried to obtain a licence but she could not get one, as no licences were being issued. Mr. Lindsell retorted that this was all the more reason why she should not have hawked. The woman was fined \$3, or seven days.

One Chinese has been committed to trial at the Sessions in connection with a charge of attempted murder by firing a revolver at an Indian constable at Samsui on the night of the 2nd instant. Another man who was arrested in the same affair and alleged to have been in possession of nine rounds of ammunition, was discharged by the Magistrate yesterday afternoon.

We are requested by the Sister-in-Charge of St. Francis Convent at Wanchai to thank all those who so kindly assisted the ceremonies in connection with the Convent's Jubilee last Sunday, in particular the following gentlemen: Messrs. H. Dixon, T. H. Murray, M. Fernandez, N. Marques, Sr. F. and Y. Marques, also Mr. J. H. Lawrence and his friends, the members of the Kowloon Orchestra.

A Chinese youth engaged in an argument with Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Police Court to-day in regard to a point of law which he set out to a nicety thus: "I picked up the cigarettes from a stall, and when the Police asked the stall-keeper whether any cigarettes were missing, he replied in the negative. Therefore," wound up the youth triumphantly, "there could be no charge against me." He was destined to receive a disappointment, a sentence of 10 days being passed by the Magistrate.

A tin which contained the proceeds of the business of a bookseller who had his stall at Wanchai Road, was the subject on which a thief had spent much thought in forming plans which had as their object the capture of the money and the safety of his own precious person. The thief, had his eye on the tin for some considerable time and yesterday, at a moment when the bookseller turned his back to attend to a customer, he seized the opportunity to pick up the tin and bolted off with all speed. Nevertheless, a hot pursuit by his victim at length resulted in his capture and the relinquishment of his booty. The trial of the thief which took place to-day at the Magistracy threw some fresh light on his history. He had come out of gaol as recently as last month. After referring to this record, Mr. R. O. Hutchison passed sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(BY "ENHARMONIC.")

The *Hankow Philharmonic Society* gave its third concert of the season recently, the instrumental portion of the programme including the first movement of Mendelssohn's Eleventh Sonata for Violoncello and Piano. The principal items were choral, rendered by the Choral section of the Society and included excerpts from Cowan's Cantata "The Rose Maiden" and Parry's "But when our Country's Cause," Sir Edward Elgar's "Weary Wind of the West" and Cyro Pinsuti's "Good-night, Beloved." The solos included "Love's Garden of Roses" (Haydn Wood) and there were also two quartets for Male Voices the selection being two old favourites "Sweet and Low" and "Annie Laurie."

The *Hankow Philharmonic Society* has a membership of 152 names and it speaks well for the enthusiasm of the members and the conductor, (Mr. Watt) that it is able to put up a programme including such items, particularly the Mendelssohn Sonata.

Mr. T. A. Martin, in his organ recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Friday evening last, showed that he has a good grasp of the capabilities of the instrument and that with further hard work he will be qualified to occupy the "loft" in almost any circumstances. Mr. Martin very wisely chose items for his programme that were well within his scope and his renderings earned for him the utmost credit. His combinations showed careful thought and a nice discrimination in mechanical effect. The influence of Mr. Denman Fuller, under whom the player studied for some time was very apparent and had the tutor been present he could not but have felt considerable satisfaction over his pupil's performance.

It must be remembered that Mr. Martin is little more than a boy and his courage in undertaking a public recital is to be applauded and is deserving of every support and encouragement. It is to be hoped, should the young organist decide to give another recital, he will receive that encouragement. The attendance last Friday showed a sad lack of interest and to some young musicians such a small audience would have a very disastrous effect. But Mr. Martin should not allow his enthusiasm to be damped by this for he may rest assured that he was able to give considerable pleasure to those who did attend, which fact cannot but ensure him a larger audience the next time he plays.

The choral work by the pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School was also carried out in creditable manner and showed the results of careful preparation, but the choir would have been greatly enhanced by the inclusion of a few male voices.

I "discovered" two more local gentlemen, who are the lucky possessors of tenor voices considerably above the average, in the persons of Sergeant Jennings and Mr. R. G. Jones, who sang at the Kowloon Cricket Club supper last Saturday evening. Both these gentlemen attracted an unusual amount of interest. They should be included in any future choral performance that might be arranged and either would be quite competent to take solo parts.

Mr. Frank Mullings, a new English tenor, who took the part of "Tristan" in a revival performance of the opera at *Dury Lane* recently, appears to have established his title to the appellation "A great English tenor." A Home critic writes that after Mullings' performance, musical London can have no excuse for remaining unaware of the fact that an English tenor has arrived who can confidently challenge comparison with the most fashionable continental singers.

The resumption of *Drury Lane*, and the season of another season at *Covenant Garden* (the first for five years), has led to much speculation in artistic circles as to whether German opera will be countenanced in the future. There was recently an effort made to revive German opera in America, but the project was instantly met with a storm of protest.

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PROMISE OF CHEAPER FARES.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the above Company was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. to-day at 11.30 a.m. Mr. J. Johnstone presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G. and C.S. Gubbay (Directors), Mr. W. S. Brown (Secretary), and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, P. C. Potts and Ho Kwong.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen—With your approval, we will take the report and accounts as read. The result of the year under review has proved somewhat of a disappointment as although the gross earnings from traffic receipts show an increase of \$23,285.87 over the figures for last year, our actual profit on working accounts is only increased by \$4,345.19. This poor result is solely accounted for by the increased price of coal which cost us \$19,950.23 more than last year and by effecting such economies as were compatible with an efficient service we were able to make a slight reduction in our other working expenses. The net profit for the year is \$95,465.72 against \$68,789.84 last year which would appear at first sight to indicate that there had been a great improvement in actual working over last year. This however is not the case and the discrepancy between these two figures is due to the fact that last year we had to debit our Profit and Loss Account with \$24,262.50 for depreciation in the value of shares held in Public Companies. This year I am pleased to say no such provision has to be made but you will notice that a share fluctuation account has been opened to which in future a visible loss or profit on such shares will be debited or credited as the case may be, until they are actually sold and the result can be taken into the Profit and Loss Account. Our fleet and Ice House Street Pier are growing no younger and in view of this fact we must continue to set aside ample sums for depreciation. Gentlemen, I have nothing further to say in regard to the accounts on this occasion. With the conclusion of Peace and the anticipated advent of a larger number of passenger steamers making Hongkong a port of call, we hope for an appreciable increase in our revenue from tourists, in the near future, and, as a matter of interest to the general public I would mention that in view of the reduced prices at which we can fix our coal contract for the coming year, your Directors now find it possible to make a reduction in the fares for passengers. Particulars of the new schedule will be advertised in a few days. I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. M. S. Northcote proposed, and Mr. P. C. Potts seconded, the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. J. Johnstone to the Board of Directors, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Ho Leung proposed, and Mr. M. S. Northcote seconded the re-election to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, and the motion was carried.

Mr. P. C. Potts proposed and Mr. Ho Leung seconded the re-election as auditor for the ensuing year of Mr. F. Maitland at a remuneration of \$300; and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then announced that divided warrants were ready and the meeting terminated.

THE "NEURALIA"

DEPARTURE FOR HOME.

The s.s. *Neuralia* left for England to-day and will proceed straight to Colombo, not calling at Singapore, as was originally intended. Before leaving, the vessel went alongside the Naval Yard for the purpose of dismasting the gun which was put on board during the war. This morning, the steamer presented a scene of great animation and, if numbers could be counted, Home should certainly not be dull. The decks were lined on both sides with deck chairs two deep, and there was still more to come. There are a large number of children on board and arrangements have been made to hold classes in the mornings. With the exception of the instances mentioned in another column, the comfort of the passengers is a matter of which the management have been very anxious to secure.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

In England it is people with "circumstances" who are barred. In America they have another way. Detroit is going to spend \$120,000 on building a block of flats with a full-equipped playground on the roof. From these flats people without children will be barred.

It is a curious anomaly of the senior service that an officer who attains, as Lord Jellicoe and Sir David Beatty have just attained, the rank of Admiral of the Fleet, is required by precedent to retire from active command. The rule may have been designed to eliminate old sea-dogs who had become too ancient to bite, but it seems singularly foolish to permit its application to men like Jellicoe and Beatty. By the unprecedented rapidity of his promotion Sir David has finished his sea career at the age of 48—in the prime of his life. One does not suppose that after the last five years he is sorry to have a spell with his dogs and guns and horses, but that really doesn't affect the case. The Army is free from this senseless precedent, for the rank of Field-Marshal—which is the military equivalent to the rank of Admiral of the Fleet—was, of course, held during the war by both Lord French and Sir Douglas Haig.

Mention of tennis at the front, writes a correspondent to a Home paper, brought back many good games to me. The best court I played on was made of concrete by No. 6 Squadron, R.F.C., near Abeele, in Belgium. It was well behind the line, and we were disturbed by nothing till things began to move last spring, when some shell fell within a few hundred yards. Another excellent court was made by 60 Squadron at Izelle Hameau, eight miles or so behind the Arras front. Nearly 29 Squadron made two courts—one earth and one grass. They carried a lawnmower about France and Belgium for two years—probably the only lawnmower to get so near to the line. Once they made a three-hole golf course where the great McCudden used to play before going up to look for two-seaters. There was also a good court in Flanders, to which many lorry-loads of the ruins of Ypres contributed. The natives could never understand the Englishman's liking for hitting a ball over a net.

The flight of the Prince of Wales at so low an altitude over Central London recently was a remarkable tribute to the reliability of the machine. It is difficult to judge the height of so big an aeroplane but it appeared sometimes not much over 600ft.—a height at which no war pilot was supposed to fly even over open country, unless circumstances made it necessary to take the risk. One wondered when watching the huge machine over Fleet-street what the pilot would have done in case of engine failure. At the height he was then he could not have glided to a safe landing ground, and apparently would have had to choose between the river and the streets—by no means appealing alternatives. Is one to take it that two-engined aeroplanes are now so reliable that the Prince of Wales can afford to do what even pilots on active service were specially told not to do? It would also be interesting to know whether the Home Office Order of September, 1913, forbidding joy riding over Central London is still in force.

One would hardly have expected Signor Luzzatti as a sponsor of the suggestion for a world-wide lottery to pay off the international war debt. That famous Italian statesman has been in favour of much saner methods of raising funds and encouraging thrift, and his name is better known as being behind that excellent movement for the establishment of land and people's banks. With the revival of agriculture and the settlement of soldiers on the land, the need for a banking system that assists the small farmer and holder has never been greater. Somehow the idea of land banks has never caught the public fancy in England, and little national success has resulted from the attempts made to establish British land banks. Both Canada and the United States of America have recognized the help given to agriculture by banks to land workers in lending funds on cattle and crops, while they are growing. Unfortunately in England the farmers have not been so lucky.

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ARMED CHINESE FINED.

The prompt action of the Police has prevented what was alleged to have been an attempt at robbery on the part of five Chinese who were on Tuesday arrested by detectives of the local Police Force. Information received by the Police that these men were about to commit an armed robbery on a certain house in Wanchai, led to their taking measures for their capture, but finding that the anticipated robbery did not come off, the Police came on the trail of the gang, and captured them, after a brief struggle, in Queen's Road, opposite the Wellington Barracks, in the presence of a large crowd of onlookers. Daggers were found on three of the gang, who were to-day brought up by Inspector Grant before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy to be tried on a charge of being in unlawful possession of weapons.

The three armed Chinese pleaded guilty, one of them stating that he took the dagger with him as a means of safeguard against a man living in Jardine's Bazaar who owed him money and who would be certain to turn ugly when called upon to pay. The other two men, who pleaded not guilty, stated that they were not acquainted with the others, and were arrested by mistake.

Inspector Grant said that these two men were merely in the company of the armed Chinese, and they met together at the monument at Wanchai.

His Worship held that the fact that the two unarmed Chinese were found in the company of the three others who had daggers, was not sufficient evidence against the former.

Inspector Grant raised the point that these two men were

KIDNAPPING CASE.

The five-year old girl of a Chinese family had her destiny carved out for her by her loving parents. She was to become the wife of the nephew of a friend of long standing. This was the statement made by the friend when he appeared at the Magistracy to-day in answer to a charge of kidnapping the girl, which was brought by her mother. The accused alleged that the girl had been bought and paid for, and that the mother, apparently feeling some qualm over her unnatural action, had brought the present charge against him.

The woman said that the accused enticed the child away from her custody on the 17th of December, 1917, and she never saw him again until Tuesday last, when she handed him over to the custody of the Police.

Her husband supported her evidence, saying that he had never contemplated marriage for his daughter, besides which she was too young. The accused, who stated that he was a soldier in the Chinese Army, had said to the woman that he would help her in her search for the child.

To bring in the assistance of the S.C.A. in this connection, Mr. R. O. Hutchison adjourned the case.

found in suspicious circumstances. Mr. Lindell:—That is not sufficient to constitute possession of daggers.

The two Chinese were accordingly given their release.

Two of the armed Chinese, in reply to the Magistrate, stated that they were asked by the third man to accompany him to collect a debt, and for this purpose he armed them with daggers.

Mr. Lindell inflicted a fine of \$1,000 each on the three armed men.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHURCH-GOER'S COMPLAINT.

Sir,—I wonder how many men of the Service's were pained and surprised to read in your paper of yesterday's date "Decency's" letter. How can anyone be so mean as to write such a letter to the Press, and what good does he expect to come of it?

Most of the sailors and soldiers who attend at St. Joseph's do so, not by compulsion, but of their own free will, and it is hardly to be expected they do so just to stare at the people going into Church, while as to their passing remarks about the people, those who know the British sailor and soldier, know also that they are above this sort of thing.

The time is long since passed when the Army and Navy were recruited from gaul-birds and the riff-raff of society, a fact which has evidently escaped your correspondent; certain it is that we have nothing to learn from such as him as regards manners. Most of us have wives at Home, and such who have not, have mothers and sisters.

Many who attend the church come from a distance, and usually walk, in consequence of which arrive there hot, and it is with a view to cooling themselves that they wait outside until the service begins.

In conclusion I would suggest that "Decency" is more "Decadent" than "Decent," otherwise he would never have penned such a letter. Thanking you for publishing this.

Yours etc,
UNIFORM.
Hongkong, May 28, 1919.
[This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. H.K.T.]

GOING HOME.

PRESENTATION TO MISS PITT.

In honour of Miss A. M. Pitt, who is departing for Home to-day, on a long vacation, after a long association with the Church Missionary Society, a concert was given last evening in Lai Kai Pui Hall of St. Stephen's Boys' College. The Rev. Li Kau Yan presided over the function. There was a large gathering of Chinese ladies and girls, and amongst those present were Rev. T. W. Pearce, Rev. A. D. Stewart, and Rev. and Mrs. Hewitt. The president expressed the loss they would all suffer owing to Miss Pitt's departure. Miss Pitt's long service in the Church Missionary Society was principally devoted to educating Chinese girls and he felt sure all would appreciate and remember her teaching. Miss Pitt had also done a great deal for the Young Women's Christian Society. They

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wished her a pleasant voyage. He expressed the hope that Miss Pitt would soon return and resume her work with renewed vigour.

In recognition of her efficient services during her nineteen years' association with the various religious societies, she was presented with a Chinese Bible and a gold brooch with jade stone.

Mrs. Ma Ying Pui made the presentation, adding a special reference to Miss Pitt's strenuous work and unsparing efforts in educating the young and the ignorant. She dwelt on Miss Pitt's excellent qualities and her congenial nature.

Miss Pitt, responding in Chinese, said it was very difficult for her to find words to thank Mrs. Ma for her magnificent pre-

sents which she would treasure. They would recall many happy memories to her. She realised the feelings of all present and wished God to shower blessings on them. As a member of the Church what she had been able to do for them was in God's service and a plain duty.

The programme of entertainment was a good one, the Misses Chan Ying, S. M. Kwok and A. Lim Kee contriluting.

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USE OF OIL TANKERS.
Sir William Seager recently had an interview with the Ministry of Shipping in regard to the use of oil tankers lying in the Gareloch. It is suggested that these vessels might be used for the carriage of general cargo. A letter has now been received by Sir William Seager from Colonel Leslie Wilson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Shipping) in which it is stated that one of these vessels did actually carry a cargo of grain, and one a cargo of rice, but neither of these vessels had previously carried oil, and therefore there was no possibility of damage to cargo. All the others which have been finished as oil tankers have carried oil, and considerable time and labour would be required before they could be used for either grain or rice.

NEW DRY DOCK.
The San Francisco Open Drydock Co., capitalized at G. \$2,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation in California, and designated as the site for its dock the parcel of tideland between the army transport docks at Fort Mason and the eastern end of the former Exposition site. The company plans to operate a co-operative repair plant, permitting owners to install their own machine shops at the drydock to carry out repair work and will erect an 8,000-ton floating drydock of special design, wood and concrete, a warehouse, office and machine shops.

A UNITED FRONT.
In view of the necessity of presenting a united front during the difficult times which are before the seafaring community, the Council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, at a recent meeting of that body, expressed its desire to co-operate with other Shipmaster's and Officers' Societies for the benefit of the service, on the conditions that:—(a) Each Association or Society shall retain its own organization; (b) shall have unrestricted control and administration over its own finances and funds; and (c) shall retain its unrestricted freedom.

MERCANTILE MARINE PAGEANT.
Considerable progress is being made with "London's Pageant of the Mercantile Marine." An influential committee has been appointed and, in response to an invitation received by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, it has nominated as its representative on this Committee its Vice-Chairman, Captain F. E. Vincent. It is a happy coincidence that Captain Vincent has himself had considerable experience at sea during the war until finally his ship the Collegian, of the Harrison Line, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean.

JUDGES AND SPIRITUALIST.

The question whether the Minister of a spiritualist church is a minister within the meaning of the Military Service Acts came before the King's Bench recently for decision. The appellant was Ernest Walter Oaten. The case was a special one, stated by the Sheffield magistrates, who were not satisfied that Oaten was a man in religious orders. Mr. Justice Darling said the case was one of great importance, and it would be unsatisfactory to decide it by three Judges, as they might not agree. He, therefore, decided that it should be argued before five Judges.

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Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For
Tilmanock	Java	in port	29th May	Shanghai
Tilatiap	Java	in port	2nd June	Japan
Tiliwong	Japan	31st May	2nd June	Java
Tikini	Java	in port	6th June	Java
Tijpanas	Java	10th June	10th June	

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For	Steamship	On
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri., 30th May at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Wingsang	Sun., 1st June at d'light.
SHANGHAI via Swatow	Kwongsang	Tues., 3rd June at d'light.
TIENSIN via W'wei	Chipsing	Tues., 3rd June at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Choyang	Tues., 3rd June at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fooksang	Tues., 3rd June at 3 p.m.
MANILA	Yuensang	Fri., 6th June at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE	Chunsang	Sat., 7th June at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Kwalsang	Sat., 7th June at 5 p.m.

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"HAWAII MARU" 15th June.
BOMBAY & COLOMBO—Regular fortnightly service via S'PORE.

"KASADO MARU" Thursday, 14th June.
SAIGON, BANGKOK & SINGAPORE—Regular Monthly Service.

"UNNAN MARU" Sunday, 1st June.
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"CANADA MARU" Saturday, 7th June.
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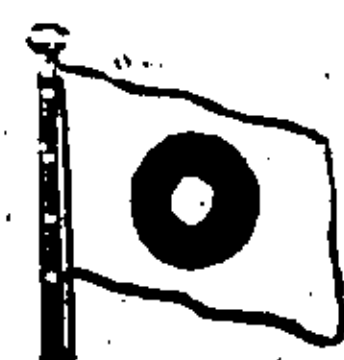
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Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To Be Despatched.
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JAPAN AND COAST PORTS.

Shanghai	Sunning	B. & S.	29, May
Swatow and Singapore	Chenstu	B. & S.	30, May
Manila	Loongsang	J. M. Co.	30, May
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	D. L. Co.	30, May
Shanghai and Tsingtao	Kwangse	B. & S.	1, June
Shanghai	Wingsanz	J. M. Co.	1, June
Japan	Tjilatjap	J.C.J. L.	2, June
Java	Tjiluwong	J.C.J. L.	2, June
Manila, Cebu and Iloilo	Taming	B. & S.	2, June
Shanghai via Swatow	Kwongsang	J. M. Co.	3, June
Straits and Calcutta	Focksanz	J. M. Co.	3, June
Swatow and Bangkok	Liangchow	B. & S.	3, June
Tientsin via Weihaiwei	Chipehing	J. M. Co.	3, June
Shanghai	Choyssang	J. M. Co.	3, June
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Quinnabang	D. L. Co.	3, June
Hoihow and Bangkok	Luchow	B. & S.	4, June
Shanghai	Suiyang	B. & S.	5, June
Manila	Yuensanz	J. M. Co.	5, June
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	D. L. Co.	6, June
Japan	Tjikini	J.C.J. L.	6, June
Singapore	Kwaisanz	J. M. Co.	7, June
Shanghai and Tsingtao	Chunsang	J. M. Co.	7, June
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Chenan	B. & S.	8, June
Genoa and Bombay	Mishima M.	N. Y. K.	8, June
Bombay via Ports	Kasado M.	O. S. K.	12, June
Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama	Kosoku M.	N. Y. K.	14, June
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Sado M.	N. Y. K.	17, June
Calcutta via Ports	Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	21, June
	Rangoon M.	N. Y. K.	25, June

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"TITAREOM."

having arrived. Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 14th June, 1919, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd June, at 9.30 A.M. Claims against the Steamer must be presented within 14 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

This steamer brings on cargo from New York originally intended for shipment per s.s. "KAZEMBE."

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

THE BANK LINE, LIMITED.

Agents.

Hongkong, 28th May 1919.

MOVEMENTS OF

STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. MISHIMA M. (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via the Suez Canal on the 3rd inst., and is expected here on the 8th June.

The N.Y.K. s.s. KAGA MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via the Suez Canal on the 20th inst., and is expected here on the 29th inst.

The N.Y.Y. s.s. SADO MARU (European Line) left Liverpool for this port via the Suez Canal on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 15th June.

The American & Manchurian Line s.s. TITAREOM from New York, sailed from Singapore on the 23rd instant, and may be expected to arrive at this port on the 29th instant.

The N.Y.K. s.s. KITANO M. (European Line) left London for this port via the Suez Canal on the 17th inst., and is expected here on the 22nd June.

The T.K.K. s.s. KOREA M. sailed from San Francisco May 21st, and will arrive at Hongkong June 18th.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN arrived Vancouver, 21st May.

TIDE TABLE.

From 28th May to 1st June.

Time	High Water	Low Water	Time	High Water	Low Water
28th May	5.15	1.15	31st May	5.15	1.15
29th May	5.15	1.15	1st June	5.15	1.15
30th May	5.15	1.15			

m morning. a afternoon

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per s.s. Neupaka from Hongkong:

Mr. J. W. Adkinson, Mrs. J. Arnold,

Master J. Arnold, Miss J. Arnold,

Mrs. A. Allison, Miss Allison, Miss

D. Alexander, Master B. F. Alexander,

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Allabone,

Capt. A. C. Batt, Mr. and Mrs. J. V.

Brown, Mrs. J. H. Barr, Miss J. G.

Barr, Miss W. A. Butterfield, Miss

V. Butterfield, Master H. Butterfield,

Master C. Butterfield, Mrs. G. F.

Bird, Master F. G. Bird, Mr. and

Mrs. L. Brewer, Miss H. Brewer,

Miss L. Brewer, Miss H. Butter-

field, Miss K. Butterfield, Mrs. Bar-

lington, Mr. and Mrs. G. Blair, Mr.

J. R. Barwick, Mr. T. Bennett, Miss

Baynes, Mrs. S. Boulton, Master S.

K. Boulton, Miss E. A. Boulton, Mr.

F. Bolton, Mr. F. Brotherhood, Mr.

T. Ballard, Mr. H. G. Bickill, Mr.

L. A. Carter, Miss M. M. Carter,

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cousins, Miss

F. A. Cousins, Master H. L. Cousins,

Mr. J. Campbell, Mrs. R. C. Comrie,

Master A. R. Comrie, Miss E. C. C.

Mr. A. H. Collins, Mr. E. F. Carr,

Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Caren, Mr. A.

Clements, Mr. R. Coulson, Sergeant

A. Craggs, Mr. H. P. Chart, Mr. M.

Clayton, Mr. W. H. Cunningham,

Mr. A. E. Cook, Miss S. Comrie,

Mrs. J. H. Donithorne, Miss M. C.

Donithorne, Mr. W. Dixon, Lieut.

A. J. E. Davis, Mr. P. Dick, Rev.

P. Devine, Mr. A. Derby, Mr. W.

Driver, Mr. J. J. Dixon, Mr. H. O.

Evans, Capt. and Mrs. E. G. East-

mano, Mrs. J. E. Eldridge, Master

D. Eldridge, Mr. J. H. Farquharson,

Mr. F. Footitt, Lieut. G. R. Flem-

ing, Mr. T. Foster, Mr. J. Grundy,

Mr. T. Gardiner, Mrs. D. M. Good-

all, Miss D. Goodall, Miss P. Good-

all, Rev. F. Gilmartin, Mr. W. Has-

lam, Mr. G. Huggitt, Mr. F. Her-

bert, Mr. J. E. Higham, Mr. A. Hut-

chinson, Mr. C. Hayden, Mr. C. J.

A. Hall, Mr. H. B. Harber, Mr. R.

W. Hills, Mr. H. Hilton, Capt. J.

Home, Mrs. B. Heath, Master Heath,

Mrs. A. V. Hogg, Miss E. Hogg,

Master C. W. Hogg, Mr. C. Hing-

ston, Mr. A. Hurdle, Mr. F. W. Hut-

chinson, Mrs. Heath, Miss M. A.

Hogg, Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Hughes

and child, Miss L. C. Hughes, Mr.

G. Hyland, Mr. C. Jones, Mr. E. W.

Jeffries, Mr. J. Joze, Mr. R. S. J.

Jones, Mr. A. Jenkins, Mrs. S. J.

Knight, Miss E. F. Knight, Mr. W.

C. Knight, Mr. W. A. Kirby, Mr.

G. W. Kirby, Capt. A. Kingman,

Mr. A. Leigh, Mr. G. M. Lakin, Mr.

F. Latimer, Mr. H. J. Lunn, Mrs.

Marshall Wood, Mrs. G. M. McKay,

Miss M. McKay, Master M.

McKay, Miss J. Mackenzie,

Miss E. Mackenzie, Mrs. R.

Moore, Master D. Moore, Master K.

Moore, Mrs. J. Martin and child,

Master J. Martin, Mrs. J. B. McGee,

Mr. F. Morley, Mr. R. G. McEwen,

Mrs. E. H. McEwen, Miss N. Mc-

Ewen, Miss K. McEwen, Mr. W. J.

Manning, Miss B. Martin, Mr. G.

Merritt, Mr. G. F. Newman, Mr. B.

Norris, Mr. W. Nett-Smith, Mrs. G.

F. Nightingale, Miss K. M. Night-

ingale, Mr. C. Northfield, Sergeant

L. Owen, Mr. O. H. Oakes, Mr. A.

E. Onslow, Mr. D. O'Sullivan, Mr.

Offord, Master Offord, Mr. J. O.

O'Regan, Miss Onyon, Mr. and Mrs.

F. Parry, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parkinson,

Miss S. V. Parry, Mr. C. Pearson,

Mr. G. W. Pound, Mr. G. Press, Mr.

W. C. Pearson, Mr. T. Prober, Mr.

E. Rogers, Mr. M. Redmond, Mr. J.

Roulston, Mr. V. Russell, Mr. S.

Roberts, Mrs. W. Robinson and child,

Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie and two children,

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen and child,

Mrs. T. J. Richards, Mr. T. Richards,

COMPANY MEETING.

THE PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LTD.

The annual general meeting of the above Company was held in the Hongkong Hotel to-day, at noon. Mr. H. Humphreys presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C. M. G., Mr. J. Johnstone, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. A. O. Lang, and C. S. Gubbay (Directors), G. Rapp (Secretary) and Messrs. M. S. Northcote, J. A. Tarrant, W. Morley, J. M. Wong and J. Humphreys.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, I do not propose to read the report and statement of accounts and auditors' report unless you wish me to do so but to follow the usual course and take them as read. Traffic receipts show the large falling off of \$9,131.27, the decrease in this mainstay of our revenue being brought about for the most part by the regrading and other improvements effected at and in the vicinity of Barker Road Station. The unusually large rainfall last year however was responsible to some extent for the decrease. The decrease would have been greater but for the profit on shares realised, amounting to \$6,516.80, a feature which will no doubt be regarded as eminently satisfactory. In this connection I may mention that other share investments of the Company (which have not been realised) show an appreciation amounting to a further sum of \$8,710.00 but this item (which appears under the heading of Investment Fluctuation Account) has not been treated as a profit. The item Regrading Line \$49,673.06, which appears in the accounts for the first time, represents money paid for the improvements to Barker Road Station and the regrading of the line in the vicinity thereof. Of this sum the Government have contributed \$7,437.46, but as this amount was not paid until this month it does not appear in the accounts before you. It may be asked what benefit does the Company receive for the expenditure of this large sum of money. First and foremost, greater safety for passengers has been secured. Without safety it would be impossible for a concern like ours to exist. By regrading the line we were enabled to abolish the depressors which had caused several accidents in the past and save several hundred dollars per annum which their upkeep entailed. Apart from this, the wear and tear on the pulleys, rope and winding drum have been diminished by the regrading and abolishment of the depressors and a ten-minute service rendered practicable under almost any conditions. The improvement to the station itself has also tended to greater safety, for it is now easier and safer for passengers to get in or out of the car at Barker Road than formerly. The sum of \$944.36 figuring under the heading of Electrical Expenses account represents the cost of two independent reports by experts upon the practicability or otherwise of using electric power to operate the tram in place of steam. As the Hongkong Electric Company is not at present in a position to supply current for the cheaper scheme recommended by our Consulting Engineers, and as the alternative scheme would involve too great a capital outlay, the matter has been dropped. We therefore propose to write off the amount above mentioned. The auditors have requested that their fees be increased to \$300.00 per annum and, subject to your confirmation at this meeting, their request has been granted. There are no other items in the accounts which appear to call for special comment, but if any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall be pleased to answer them after the accounts have been seconded."

Mr. M. S. Northcote said: "Mr. Chairman—I have heard a great deal about the improvement to Barker Road station, but I should like to ask the Company whether they can see their way to any improvement to the Bowen Road Station. At the present time, in wet weather it is perfectly awful. You have to walk down a river and get your feet wet to get to the small shelter and when any wind is blowing there is only one corner in that shelter that is dry. I shall be very glad, as a constant user of the station, if the Board can see their way to some kind of improvement of Bowen Road. With these few remarks, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts."

The Chairman:—Your remarks will be brought up at the next meeting of the Directors."

Mr. Northcote:—Thank you."

WHO IS TO BLAME?

RAD. CONDITIONS ON THE "NEURALIA."

There are proceeding home on the a.s. Neuralia five patients (including two females) who have been inmates of the local Lunatic Asylum for varying periods. They are under the care of Inspector and Mrs. McEwen. Quite recently it was brought to our notice that the accommodation on the Neuralia for these patients was not all that it should be, and consequently, this morning a representative of the Telegraph proceeded aboard the steamer to see for himself exactly what the conditions were. We regret to state that we can only confirm the report. The quarters provided are right in the fore part of the vessel, where bad weather will be most severely felt. The sleeping quarters are merely painted lockers with small single beds and no conveniences or furniture of any kind. The men's "recreation room" is merely a small portion of the lower deck immediately abaft the aforementioned lockers, raised off like a sheep pen, with some dirty canvas stretched round. It contains nothing except a wooden form. There is absolutely nothing in the way of comfort and the accommodation appears to be what one would expect for the purpose of the occupation of criminals. The only term by which we can describe the conditions is disgraceful. We understand that the local Government is not responsible in any way; indeed, we were informed that the Hongkong officials yesterday, and an inspection was made and it was insisted that the patients be carried in comfort. But somehow nothing has been done. Neither is the shipping company to blame, from what we can hear. But at any rate, the matter should not be allowed to pass unnoticed. Those who had friends on board were allowed to enter the Naval Yard whilst the Neuralia was alongside, to bid farewell, and a very large gathering was present at the quayside.

YEAR OF GAITY.

SOCIAL EVENTS THIS SUMMER.

The revival of social events, which were suspended during the war, commenced on May 5, when Covent Garden Opera House opened for the first time since 1913. With the signing of Peace, announcements of Courts, Levees, and State Balls are expected. Nearly 13,000 young ladies are waiting to be presented to the King and Queen either on their debut or on their marriage.

The completed programme is not yet arranged, but among the fixtures already announced are the following:

The Derby, June 4.
Naval and Military Tournament, Olympia, June 26 to July 12.
Ascot week. Begins June 17.
Henley Interim Regatta, July 4 and 5.
Goodwood. Begins July 29.
Ranelagh County Polo week. July.
Hurlingham Polo. 3rd week in May.
Oxford and Cambridge cricket match. Lord's. July 14, 15 and 16.
Wimbledon open lawn tennis tournament. Begins June 23.
Eton and Harrow match. Lord's. July 11 and 12.
Chelsea Flower Show. May 20, 21, and 22.
Motor Show, Olympia. November.

Cowes Regatta, International Horse Show, and the Oxford and Cambridge boat race will not be resumed until 1920, by which time it is expected that all the former annual social events will have been restored.

The Scottish season is likely to be prolonged. Already there are many requests for the better-known moors for the "Twelfth."

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried unanimously. The Chairman proposed and Mr. Morley seconded the re-appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hon. Sir Paul Chater and Messrs. J. Scott Harston, C. S. Gubbay, A. O. Lang and J. Johnstone; and the motion was carried.

Mr. J. A. Tarrant proposed and Mr. J. M. Wong seconded the re-election, as auditors for the ensuing year, of Mr. C. B. Brown and Mr. A. R. Lowe, at a remuneration of \$300 each; and the motion was carried.

The Chairman then announced that dividend warrants could be had on application; and the meeting terminated.

DAY BY DAY.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines, for the week ending May 17, amounted to 74,053 tons and the sales during the period, to 50,695 tons.

H.B.M.'s Consul at Newchwang has sent a telegram to the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, saying:—"Quarantine imposed on arrivals from Hongkong, May 27th.—Glennell."

A string of extraordinary loud crackers was fired off this afternoon from the premises of the Holland and China Trading Company, on the occasion of the departure of the Neuralia of Mr. O. van Andel.

Mr. J. B. Rentiers, British Consul at Manila, and Mrs. Rentiers (who have been staying in Hongkong), left for Home by the Kaga Maru. Miss Pitts was a passenger by the same boat.

The steel twin-screw motor vessel Glenade, built for the Glen Line, Ltd., was successfully launched by Messrs. Harland & Wolff Ltd., at their Govan shipbuilding yard on April 13. The vessel has been specially designed and adapted for trade in the Far East. She has every facility for the rapid loading and discharging of cargo, and comfortable accommodation for a limited number of passengers.

Yesterday afternoon an excited crowd at Sam Kai Mei Street, Canton, gathered in front of the branch office of the agency of British-American Tobacco Company, and destroyed every Japanese straw hat seen. The mobmistook some of the straw hats for Japanese make, and a Mr. Tsz, Kong-chi had his American-made hat destroyed by the crowd. He reported this matter to the 9th Police Station. The Police finally sent officers out to maintain order.

FRYATT MURDER.

GERMANS EXCUSE OUTRAGE.

The German Commission of Inquiry into alleged breaches of international law pronounced that the execution of Captain Fryatt constituted no such breach, inasmuch as the court-martial procedure and the provisions of German military law were correctly observed. These provisions, it is held, conform with international law in the absence of a general recognition of the right of merchant vessels to defend themselves.

The Commission further decides that there was no miscarriage of justice, as the evidence was sufficient, and Captain Fryatt's offence was confirmed by subsequent disclosures from his log-book. It expresses regret, however, at the refusal of the Foreign Office request for the postponement of proceedings, and at the immediate execution, but exonerates everyone responsible.

The proceedings, as in the Wittenberg Camp case were unsatisfactory because of their ridiculous nature. The only witnesses were the accused themselves and their expert supporters, who bullied the Commission, while the points telling against them could only be put by devious devices.

Attempts by Herr Cohn Gross to question the Naval Prosecutor, the person directly responsible for Captain Fryatt's death, were useless. "I know no Foreign Office." The death penalty in the field is executed immediately, and Bruges was a battlefield, "were the sort of answers given by this typical military lawyer of the worst type."

In view of the finding in this case, which reduces international law to the level of the German military code, and this Commission to the level of the Bruges court-martial, any further report of the Commission's proceedings are unnecessary.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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H.K. & S. Banks	\$677 1/2
sa.	677 1/2/680
Marine Insurances.	
Cantons	\$440
North China	\$320
Unions	\$192 sa. 193 1/2/194
Yangtze	\$235
Far Eastern	\$26
Fire Insurances.	
China Fire	\$141
H. K. Fire	\$335
Shipping.	
Douglases	\$89
Steamboats	\$21 1/2
Indos (Prof.)	\$32
Indos (Def.)	\$153
Shells	\$195
Ferries	\$36
Refineries.	
Sugars	\$153 1/2
Malabons	\$34
Mining.	
Kailans	\$49
Langkats	\$49
Shanghai Loans	b. & sa. t. 19
S'hai Explorations	\$2 1/2
Raub	\$45
Tronohs	\$45
Ural	b. cum r. 46
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves	b. & sa. \$8
K. Docks	b. \$150 sa. 149/150
S'hai Docks	\$127 1/2
N. Engineerings	\$23 1/2
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Centrals	\$109
H.K. Hotels	\$99
L. Inves. t. b.	\$111 1/2 sa. 111 1/2/112
H. phreys Est.	\$3
K. loon Lands	\$46
L. Reclamations	\$175
West Points	\$74
Cotton Mills.	
Ea. os	b. t. 250
K. ng. Yiks	b. t. 32 1/2
Lau Kung Mows	n. t. 172 1/2
Oriental	n. t. 88
S'hai Cottons	b. t. 182
Yangtzepeos	b. t. 113 1/2
Miscellaneous.	
Green Islands	b. & sa. \$7.40
China Borneos	n. \$12 1/2
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China Providents	b. \$7.60
Dairy Farms	n. \$29
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Ropes	b. \$31 1/2
Trams, Low Level	n. \$7 1/2
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Wm. Powells	b. \$11 1/2
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"Hongkong, May 29, 1919.

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Matches played on April 19th resulted as follows:—

INTERNATIONAL.	
Ireland	0 Scotland
VICTORY CUP.	
Heart of Mid. 7	Airdrieonians 1
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Celtic	4 Falkirk
Hamilton A.C.	4 Clyde
Queen's Park	1 Dumbarton
St. Mirren	1 Patrick Thos.
LONDON VICTORY CUP.	
Chelsea	4 Crystal Pal.
Fulham	0 Tottenham H.
LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.	
Blackburn R.	2 Burnley
Blackpool	3 Preston N.E.
Bury	0 Oldham Ath.
Liverpool	3 Stockport C.
Manchester U.	0 Stoke
Port Vale	0 Manches. City
Rochdale	1 Bolton Wand.
Southport V.	4 Everton
MIDLAND LEAGUE.	
Barnsley	1 Shef. Wednes.
Birmingham	3 Leicester F.
Bradford City	2 Leeds City
Coventry City	1 Lincoln City
Sheffield Un.	3 Rotherham C.
Grimsby Town	1 Hull City
Huddersfield	0 Brentford
RUGBY.	
New Zealand	20 France
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
P. W. L. D.	Goals.
Rangers	32 24 3 5 78 16 53
Celtic	31 23 2 6 63 20 52
Morton	34 18 5 11 76 38 47
Partick	33 16 10 7 60 43 39
Thistle	33 15 10 8 62 51 38
Ayr United	32 15 12 5 58 53 35
Queen's Park	32 15 12 5 58 53 35
Kilmarnock	34 14 13 7 61 59 35
Heart of Mid.	31 13 10 8 52 46 34
Motherwell	32 12 10 10 45 39 34
Clydebank	33 12 13 8 51 63 32
Third Lanark	33 11 13 9 60 58 31
St. Mirren	32 9 12 11 37 51 29
Hamilton	34 11 18 5 49 75 27
Acad.	34 11 18 5 49 75 27
Airdrieonians	31 8 13 10 40 47 26
Dumbarton	32 7 17 8 31 53 22
Clyde	33 7 20 6 45 71 20
Falkirk	34 6 20 8 46 73 20
Hibernians	30 4 24 2 25 83 10

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918) LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Statutory Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Hongkong, on Friday, the 6th June 1919, at 12 o'clock, NOON, pursuant to Section 68 (3) of the Companies Ordinance 1911.

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OUR PEKING LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Peking, May 18.
Perhaps the deadlock at Shanghai is not real as its appearance would suggest, inasmuch as the delegates have not yet left the Settlement. The firmness of the Government in resisting the eight demands of the Southern delegation and the inclination in Canton to impeach Tang Shao-yi for his hindering methods suggest moves in the political game. The whole business is theatrical and unreal, and it would be unwise to assume that a deadlock has actually occurred. It suggests a demonstration intended to impress the people with the difficulties of the problem submitted to the conference for solution. None of the tuchuns are financially in a position to resume hostilities with any prospect of success. Hence the report of a rapprochement between the Northern and southern militarists. Hence the consideration of the Government not to wage war even if provoked by the South. At any rate, people are not so pessimistic over the outlook as they ought to be. It is generally believed that the theatrical events have been arranged and that Tsuchun, Li Chun at Nanking will come on the stage at the prompter's call and mediate between the parties and secure a resumption of the conference.

Meanwhile business is dull in Peking. For one thing, the boycott against Japanese products is in operation and is therefore responsible for a very restricted business. Affairs at Shanghai have caused a drop in the value of the Peking notes.

The students are still lively and do not seem to be able to make up their minds exactly what to do. They want to demonstrate against the award of the Peace Conference in Paris, they want to roast Tsoo Ju-lin (perhaps in more than one sense), and yet they do not quite see the value of staying away from class. However, they are a very patriotic body and may some day make better citizens than their grandfathers.

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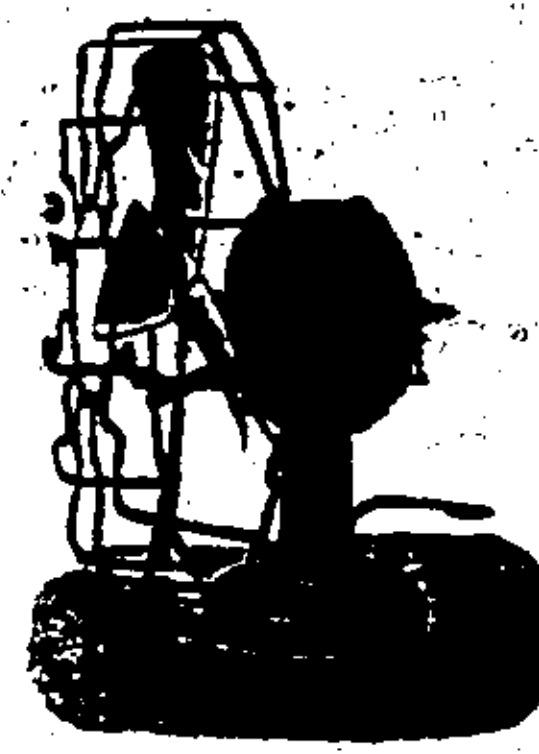
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ST. ANDREWS GOLF.

A BUSY SEASON ANTICIPATED.

"A Golfer" writes in the *Edinburgh Evening Dispatch* as follows:—There is indisputable proof that St. Andrews will soon again come into its golfer kingdom. In a measure the tariff returns point to the conclusion that the Old Course is still recognised as the finest golfing playground in the world. In the period of Allan Robertson, in the days of Young Tom and Davie Strath, in the time of Old Tom, St. Andrews was indeed the Mecca of golf. Professionals there are who have challenged the statement that the Road Hole is incomparably the greatest two-stroke hole in existence. It is a hole that has discomfited entrants' ambitions for the amateur championship; it has blasted the hopes of a distinguished professional in the open championship; it has been the ruin of competitors' cards in the Royal and Ancient meetings; it has disturbed the calculations of the artisan clubman eager to join the class of

which Harry Vardon is the king. St. Andrews without the Road Hole, its troubles and anxieties, its joys, too, paradoxical it may be, would be unthinkable to the citizen of the city by the Northern Sea.

A gradual increase in the traffic returns has been going on for months. "Business" on the Old Course perhaps has not reached that congested state that used to trouble players who were never happy unless they managed to get in two rounds a day. At a particular minute they must be called else their enjoyment and their digestion would be injuriously affected. The thing that matters in these days, however, is that there has been "business." No one could truthfully affirm that St. Andrews lived by golf alone; nevertheless the prosperity of golf means the prosperity of St. Andrews. That there will be a boom during the summer and autumn of 1919 is anticipated by all.

Rejuvenated, as it were, the Royal and Ancient will come forth from the shelter that has been "occupied" throughout the weary and nerve-wracking years

of war. Reinvigorated, the St. Andrews Club—twenty years ago one of the most powerful societies in the world (the opinion is that of that outspoken critic, Mr. Harold H. Hilton)—will probably begin again those attractive and fascinating engagements with their rivals of Carnoustie, that did so much to popularise golf among the younger portion of the communities north and south of the Tay.

Since the last encounter, the famous organisations have lost many brilliant recruits. No class of sportsmen responded more heartily to the call of the country than the golfing lads of St. Andrews and Carnoustie. They were as eager to attack the Hun as they were anxious to prove victorious in cup tournament or triumphant in medal competition. For a brief interval, these clubs will be the poorer in playing strength and in numbers generally, but these handicaps will disappear with the passing of the months and the progress of the youthful Auchterlonies and Greigs of the capital, and the Harrises and the Scroggies of the Tay-side country will bring fresh vigour to the institutions.

19 WOMEN TO 14 MEN.

STARTLING MAN SHORTAGE.

Some curious facts are revealed in the Registrar-General's fuller report, issued recently, of births, deaths, and marriages in 1917. It is estimated, for instance, that there are 19 women to every 14 men, the figures being 19,625,700 and 14,083,300. Between the ages of 15 and 40 there are 9,542,655 women and only 4,492,927 men. It would seem, therefore, that it is something like two to one against a woman marrying. The figures, it should be pointed out, are the estimated civilian population.

Whereas most marriages used to take place in July, August, and September, the favourite months now are October, November, and December. Widows remarried in great numbers. Although young war widows affected the figures, it is clear that the war is not wholly responsible for the total began to increase in 1912. Widowers, too, show an increasing tendency to take second wives. About half of the divorced people married again.

The youngest bachelor to marry was 15, and the youngest spinster 14. No fewer than 29 males married at the age of 16 and 389 at the age of 17, two of the latter marrying widows. Twenty-six spinsters married at the age of 15, one of them to a widower; 187 women were 16 when they married, and of 1,201 marrying at 17 years 15 married widowers. The earliest second marriage of males was at the age of 19, and 3 widows remarried at the age of 18.

Of 39 men marrying when they were turned 80, only one, aged 81, had never tasted the joys of matrimonial bliss previously, the rest being widowers; but out of 9 women marrying beyond that age two were spinsters. The oldest man to be married was a widower of 92, and the two oldest women were aged 85, one a widow and one a spinster.

A girl of 15 married a man of 40; one wife of 66 married a husband aged 24; another aged 24 took a husband of 16. A man of 70 married a girl of 30; others, aged 68 and 66, wed with sweet 17, and 146 couples married when they were past 70.

DESOLATION AT KIEL.

PRIDE OF GERMANS TOUCHED.

Mrs. Cecil Chesterton, writing in the *Daily Express*, says it was off the Dogger Bank that I witnessed one of the most impressive scenes of my life. The night was misty, the sea very smooth. Suddenly a great German cruiser, blazing with light, shot past us followed by a line of steam tugs, each with its attendant submarine. Their appearance was amazing. What were they doing there? And then the mystery was solved. The cruiser took up a position, and began to signal with her powerful flashlight. Silent and swift came the answer. Five British men-of-war broke through the mist. The bunch of submarines were handed over; another act in the drama of Germany's downfall was complete.

There was a marked change in the German officials who visited us at Kiel. They were civil, almost humble, in their demeanour. One of the harbour engineers gave it as his opinion that the discipline of the German nation was slowly disintegrating.

Throughout our passage of the Kiel Canal I was impressed by the curious apathy of the people. The country, cultivated with the greatest care, was brightened by a burst of spring sunshine. The villages skirting the banks looked clean and well to do. The children seemed healthy and comfortably

clothed. Physically the war has not touched the people—their homes are still intact. But in spite of the stamp of German efficiency—the railway bridges spanning the Canal are triumphs of engineering skill—the land, like the people, suggests a curious desolation—the virtue has gone out of them.

For the most part they received us in silent enmity. Now and again a man would spit as we passed—the Stars and Stripes flew at our stern—and would shriek out a curse, but the general impression I received from these figures on the bank was that of a still, almost frozen, hate.

It was when we left the canal and steamed into Kiel-Harbour that I began to understand something of what these people feel. Germany has been struck in the very vitals of her pride. The beautiful bay, skirted by softly undulating hills, where the Imperial Navy used to ride in all its insolence, is empty of dreadnoughts, cruisers, and submarines. Nothing remains. At the entrance to the harbour, the Kaiser Wilhelm's own, flies the tricolour of France. Liberty on the altar of despotism.

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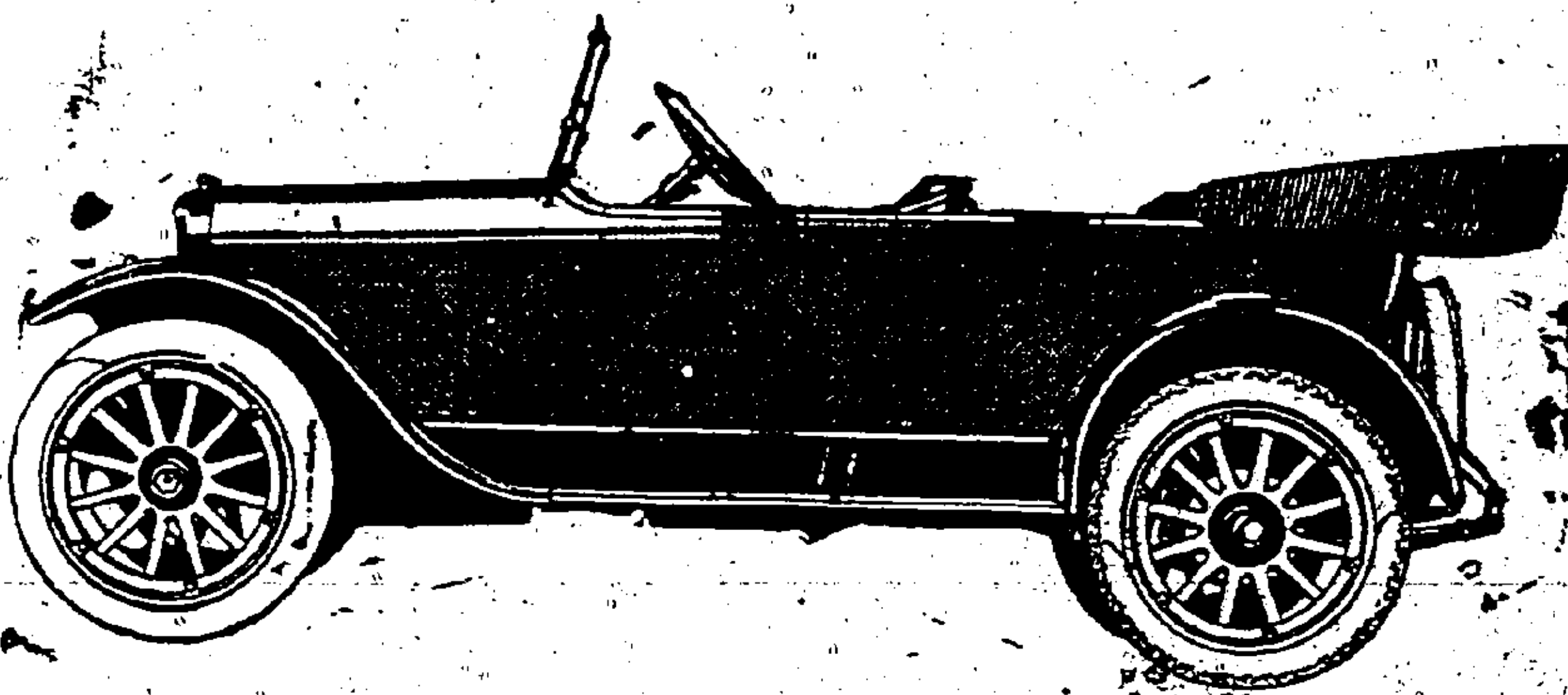
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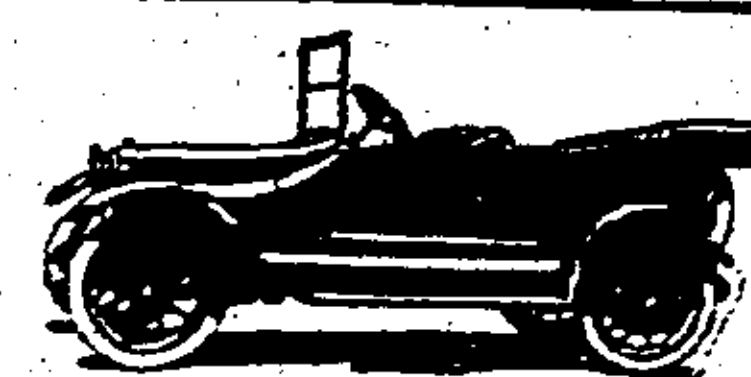


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Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 15th January 1919.

NOTICE

NOTICE: The Offices and Stations of the Chinese Maritime Customs for Kowloon and District will be closed to public business on the 2nd June, 1919 (5th day, 5th moon), being the date of the Summer Holiday.

York Buildings,
T. D. MOORHEAD,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs.

Hongkong, 28th May, 1919.

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2. The property, which was lately occupied by Siemens and Company, has an area of 22,995 square feet and is advantageously situated on South and Central Avenues. A Residence, Godowns and Servants' quarters are built upon the site.

3. Particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained by applying in Canton to H.B.M. Consul-General, in Hongkong to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and in Shanghai to the Custodian direct.

4. Inspection of the property can be arranged by applying to H.B.M. Canton.

5. Tenders in writing which should be addressed to "The Custodian in China of Enemy Property, 20 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, hanghaiso as to reach him not later than the 27th day of June 1919, must be so framed as to remain open for acceptance on or before the 17th day of July, 1919.

6. The Custodian is not bound to accept the highest or any tender received.

ALLAN G. MOSSOP, Custodian in China of Enemy Property, 20 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, 21st May 1919.

NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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LYOYD'S REGISTER OF SHIPPING.

NOTICE.—The Undersigned John Lambert Ship and Engineer Surveyor to the above Society being transferred to Europe, the surveying duties will in the future be attended to by Mr. J. S. Gardiner, M.L.N.A. Ship Surveyor and Mr. T. S. Morrison Ship and Engineer Surveyor appointed from New York to this port.

(Sgt.) JOHN LAMBERT

Lloyd's Register of Shipping, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1919.

NOTICE.

THE POLO GYMKHANA, which was POSTPONED from Saturday, May 24th, will be held (weather permitting), on SATURDAY, May 31st, at 4 p.m.

S. E. GRIMSTONE, Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th May, 1919.

NOTICE

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY the 30th May 1919, commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 11 Austin Avenue, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

(Full particulars from catalogues) On view from Friday, the 30th inst.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

Geo. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY the 30th May, 1919, commencing at 2 45 p.m.

at "Meirion" No. 5 The Peak

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture

comprising:—

Teak hatstand with bevelled mirror, teak hall table, writing table, bookcase, Marble top octagonal table, Leather covered armchairs, Lacquered teapoy, teak screens, Gramophone, Copper coal scuttle, Curtains, Pictures, Wall plates, vases and ornaments etc. etc.

Teak extension dining table, dinette wagon with bevelled mirror, glass cabinets, ice chest, cupboard, Dinner service Glass-ware, etc.

Teak and Iron bedsteads, teak dressing table with bevelled mirrors, wardrobes with bevelled glass doors, marble top wash-stands, chests of drawers etc. etc.

Also

A Fire Selection of Fine Canton Blackwood-ware:—Curio cabinet and stands, lady's desk, side tables, armchairs, chairs, settees, joss table, flower stands, teapoy, cake stands etc.

And

A Quantity of Maiden hair ferns in pots and plants in pots.

On view from Thursday, the 29th inst.

Catalogue will be issued.

Terms: Cash on delivery.

Geo. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY the 3rd June, 1919, commencing at 11 a.m.

at Blue Building godown 4A, Wanchai, of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.

305 pieces Mild Steel Angles 3" x 3" x 18'2"

244 pieces Mild Steel Angles 3" x 3" x 33'

154 pieces Mild Steel Angles 5'16" x 3" x 3" x 22'

3 pieces Mild Steel Angles 5'16" x 3" x 3" x 20'

and afterwards at 3 p.m.

at No. 16 godown of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd. (Kowloon)

36 pieces Mild Steel Plates 5'16" x 5' x 10'

46 pieces Mild Steel Plates 3" x 5' x 10'

46 pieces Mild Steel Plates 3" x 5' x 10'

10 pieces Mild Steel Plates 3" x 6' x 12'

36 pieces Mild Steel Plates 5'16" x 5' x 10'

3 pieces Mild Steel Plates 5'16" x 4' x 8' (stored in No. 11 Passage)

46 pieces Mild Steel Angles 1" x 11" x 11' x 18'2"

83 pieces Mild Steel Angles 1" x 3" x 2" x 18'2"

82 pieces Mild Steel Angles 1" x 2 1/4" x 2 1/4" x 16'2"

(The above stored in No. 2 Passage)

6 casks No. 20 G. Bright Wire

4 casks Zinc Sheets Gauge 7 1/4" x 8"

(The above stored in No. 26 Godown)

Terms: Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

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Specialty authorized in China by Presidential Mandate of 2nd November, 1912

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WEATHER REPORT.

May 29th. 11th. 23th. No return from
Japan and Vladivostok. Pressure
change are slight, as a low depression
crosses Indo-China and the N. China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 2.00 inch
Total since January 1st 11.09 inches
against an average of 22.34 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

Direction	Force	Wind
1. Hongkong to Hainan	1-2	E. wind, fresh, rain.
2. Formosa Channel	1-2	The same as No. 1.
3. South coast of China (between H.K. and Hainan)	1-2	The same as No. 1.
4. South coast of China (between H.K. and Hainan)	1-2	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Bureau, May 29, a.m.

Station	Hour	Barometer	Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Weather
Vietnam	6a	29.75	63	84	4	6
Seoul	6a	29.75	63	84	4	6
Hankow	6a	29.75	63	84	4	6
Shanghai	6a	29.75	63	84	4	6
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